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1 [For your information, there is no reportable action from  
2 the Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]  
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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THE JANUARY 31ST MEETING OF THE  
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. FIRST,  
8 WE'RE GOING TO BE LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR MICHAEL JENKINS OF  
9 THE BETHEL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN POMONA AND HILARIO  
10 GONZALES WHO IS MEMBER OF THE FRANK MARPE CHAPTER OF THE  
11 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FROM THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL  
12 DISTRICT WILL LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. SO IF THE  
13 AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE AND PASTOR JENKINS?  
14

15 **PASTOR MICHAEL S. JENKINS, JR.:** LET US PRAY AT THIS TIME. OH  
16 GOD, WE ARE THANKFUL THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GATHER HERE TODAY. AT  
17 THIS VERY MOMENT, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD IMPART WISDOM,  
18 DIRECTION, MENTAL STRENGTH AND EVEN COMMON SENSE ON ALL THOSE  
19 WHO ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY. WE LOOK FOR THE WISDOM THAT CAN  
20 ONLY COME FROM YOU WHO HAS CREATED THAT WHICH DOCTORS DISCOVER  
21 AND SCIENTISTS RESEARCH. AS THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETS  
22 TODAY, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD CLEAR THEIR MINDS OF ANYTHING  
23 THAT WOULD CLUTTER AND TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR FOCUS, GIVE THEM  
24 KEEN INTELLECTS AND SHARPEN THEIR MENTAL APTITUDE THAT THEY  
25 WILL MAKE WISE DECISIONS AND FOCUS ON THE TASK AT HAND.



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1 LASTLY, LORD, WE ASK THAT THE DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE HERE  
2 TODAY WOULD BE SO RESOLUTE THAT IT WOULD BE AS IF YOU,  
3 YOURSELF, WERE SITTING IN THIS ROOM MAKING THOSE DECISIONS.  
4 THAT WAY, THIS BOARD WILL KNOW THAT THEY HAVE DONE THE BEST  
5 FOR THOSE FOR WHOM THEY SERVE. THIS IS OUR PRAYER, OH GOD. WE  
6 THANK YOU. AMEN.

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8 **HILARIO GONZALES:** LET'S BEGIN. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE PASTOR MICHAEL  
13 JENKINS, JR. FROM THE BETHEL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.  
14 HE'S FROM POMONA. YES. SO, ACTUALLY, I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR  
15 MOLINA, YOU WERE GOING TO BE PRESENTING THIS? ARE YOU?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DID THE PLEDGE BUT SURE, THAT'S FINE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, HE'S OURS! JUST RECENTLY MOVED. SO HE'S STILL  
20 CONSIDERED-- WE INVITED YOU. ALL RIGHT. SO WE'RE...

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WELCOME HIM TO OUR DISTRICT. [ LAUGHTER ]

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WELCOME TO POMONA. YOU ARE GOING TO COME BACK,  
2   THOUGH BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS THERE. ALL RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU  
3   VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US HERE AND WE-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS MY PLEASURE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION OF A  
8   CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO HILARIO GONZALES. MR. GONZALES  
9   IS A MEMBER OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.  
10   HE SERVED WITH THE U.S.S. HECTOR UNIT OF THE UNITED STATES  
11   NAVY FROM 1972 AND, IN 1973 IN VIETNAM, EARNING A MEDAL OF  
12   GOOD CONDUCT, A NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL, A VIETNAM SERVICE  
13   MEDAL WITH TWO STARS AND A REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
14   AS WELL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO MR. GONZALES  
15   FOR LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CERTAINLY FOR  
16   SERVING WELL IN OUR COUNTRY. CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. [ APPLAUSE  
17   ]

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19   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL BEGIN THE AGENDA.

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23   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
24   BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. ON ITEM S-1, AS NOTED ON THE



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1 GREEN SHEET, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED  
2 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S S-1.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED.  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
8 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.  
14 ON ITEM NUMBER 1, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THAT INCLUDES  
15 THE REVISIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM  
16 NUMBER 2, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, HOLD  
17 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED.  
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 11 AND 12.  
23 ON ITEM NUMBER 11, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND, ON ITEM  
24 NUMBER 12, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE



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1 OFFICER REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK FOR ADDITIONAL  
2 INFORMATION FROM AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, ITEM 13.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 14.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL, ITEM 15.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ITEM 16.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEMS 17 AND 18.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.

5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 19.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT

10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 23. ON

13 ITEM NUMBER 20, THE FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE

14 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED.

17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 24 THROUGH-- 24

20 AND 25. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

21 ITEM 25 IS BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT

24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 26 AND 27. ON ITEM  
2 NUMBER 26, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEM 27 IS BEFORE  
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.  
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION, ITEMS 28 THROUGH 30. AS NOTED  
9 ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
10 ITEMS 28, 29 AND 30 BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 31 THROUGH 52.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 23, REGISTRAR-RECORDER, COUNTY  
21 CLERK, ITEM 53.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 54 THROUGH 58.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.

4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 59 AND  
7 60. ON ITEM NUMBER 60, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE TREASURER, TAX  
8 COLLECTOR REQUEST A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ITEM 59 IS BEFORE  
9 YOU. THAT'S NUMBER 60.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 6-0. MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED.

12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 61  
15 THROUGH 66.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. I'LL READ THE  
21 SHORT TITLE INTO THE RECORD. ON 67, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
22 TITLE 3, ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE LOS  
23 ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD  
24 CARE. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 68 THROUGH 69. ON  
5    68, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT  
6    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LITTLE LAKE  
7    CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2000 ELECTION,  
8    SERIES C, IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9  
9    MILLION. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
12   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 69, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
15   RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
16   AND SALE OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
17   OBLIGATION BONDS, 2005 ELECTION, SERIES A, IN-- 2006, IN  
18   AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400 MILLION.

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20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
21   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
24   REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
25   OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF



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1 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
2 ITEM 70-A.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 70-B.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
14 DISTRICT NO. 5.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, TODAY, EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS  
17 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF RECOGNIZING YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR  
18 LIBRARIES AS WE PROCLAIM 2005 PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMARK CONTEST  
19 WINNERS BEFORE THE BOARD. SO, TODAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
20 RECOGNIZE THE RECIPIENTS FROM THE NORTH REGION WINNERS. THESE  
21 ARE THREE YOUNG TALENTED PEOPLE. THE FIRST ONE IS ETHAN WALSH,  
22 WHO IS A SECOND GRADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM LINCOLN  
23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LA CRESCENTA PUBLIC LIBRARY, WHICH IS  
24 SOON GOING TO HAVE A BRAND NEW LIBRARY IN THE NEXT TWO TO  
25 THREE YEARS. ETHAN? WELCOME. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WE HAVE RUKO ROBBIE, THIRD GRADE  
3 FROM CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CLAREMONT PUBLIC  
4 LIBRARY. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IRWIN GARCIA, WHO IS NOT HERE, WAS  
7 FROM LAKE LOS ANGELES, FROM THE LAKE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC  
8 LIBRARY. I'LL GIVE IT TO LESLIE, MY DEPUTY. AND SUPERVISOR  
9 KNABE HAS THE PROCLAMATION HE'LL GIVE TO THE LIBRARIAN TO MAKE  
10 THE PRESENTATIONS AND THEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BURKE AND  
11 YAROSLAVSKY WILL MAKE THEIR PRESENTATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND  
14 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AS MIKE MENTIONED, CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  
15 IS A NATIONAL EVENT CELEBRATED EACH NOVEMBER TO ENCOURAGE  
16 CHILDREN TO LOVE BOOKS AND READING. AND, EVERY YEAR FOR THE  
17 PAST 26 YEARS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND OUR COUNTY  
18 LIBRARY HAS CONDUCTED A BOOKMARK CONTEST TO ENCOURAGE  
19 CHILDREN'S ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AND TO ALLOW THEM TO SHARE  
20 THEIR JOY OF BOOKS. THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 13,000 CHILDREN IN  
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENTERED THE COMPETITION AND CREATED  
22 BOOKMARKS RELATING TO THE THEME "IMAGINE". WHAT AN APPROPRIATE  
23 THEME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO WRITE ABOUT. TODAY, AS WAS  
24 MENTIONED, WE ARE HONORING CHILDREN FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY  
25 WHOSE BOOKMARK ENTRIES HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE MOST ORIGINAL



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1 AND CREATIVE. SO I WANT TO CALL OUR LIBRARIAN UP HERE. I'D  
2 LIKE TO PRESENT HER A SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF OUR BOOKMARK  
3 CONTEST FOR 2005 AND I KNOW SHE'S EXCITED, AS WE ALL ARE, TO  
4 SEE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO BE ABLE TO HONOR THEM, SO  
5 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **MARGARET TODD:** I WANT TO CONGRATULATE, OBVIOUSLY, ALL THE  
8 CHILDREN AND THE PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES HERE TODAY. IT'S  
9 SO WONDERFUL TO HAVE SUCH GREAT TALENT AND ALSO TO THANK THE  
10 BOARD FOR THEIR STRONG SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF THE BOOKMARK  
11 CONTEST BUT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO MAKE THE PRESENTATIONS  
14 FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT AND WITH US TODAY-- SHE WAS UNABLE TO  
15 ATTEND BUT WE'LL GET IT TO HER IS EMILY BLAND, WHO WON THE  
16 FIRST GRADER CATEGORY FROM THE GEORGE NYE JUNIOR LIBRARY IN  
17 LAKEWOOD. LAUREN CASSIDY, A FOURTH GRADER FROM THE ARTESIA  
18 LIBRARY. LAUREN? [ APPLAUSE ]

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. AND IN OUR SIXTH TO EIGHTH GRADE  
21 CATEGORY, THE WINNER FROM THE PARAMOUNT LIBRARY, CLARISSA  
22 RODRIGUEZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR AND, EVERY YEAR, WE'RE  
2    EXTREMELY PROUD TO MAKE THESE PRESENTATIONS BUT I THINK THE  
3    PROUDEST OF ALL ARE THE PARENTS THAT ARE ALL HERE AND THE  
4    GRANDPARENTS THAT HAVE JOINED MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE.  
5    WE'RE IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THAT YOU DO ENCOURAGING YOUR  
6    CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES. WE'RE VERY  
7    PROUD OF OUR LIBRARIES. WE WANT TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO  
8    ENCOURAGE MORE AND MORE PARTICIPATION, PARTICULARLY FROM OUR  
9    CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THERE IS SUCH TREMENDOUS  
10   BENEFIT. AND SO THESE BOOKMARK CONTESTS THAT REALLY CREATE AND  
11   ATTRACT A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE BECAUSE ALL YEAR  
12   LONG THEY'RE GOING TO SEE THEIR NAMES ON THESE BOOKMARKS THAT  
13   ARE HANDED OUT AT ALL OF OUR LIBRARIES, AND I'M VERY PROUD TO  
14   MAKE OUR PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING. MY FIRST ONE IS TO SOROIA  
15   LUKO. SHE'S A SECOND GRADER. SHE FROM MONTEBELLO GARDENS  
16   ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SHE READS AT THE RIVERA LIBRARY. SHE'S  
17   THE WINNER OF THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE CATEGORY  
18   AND SOROIA HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED HERE BY MOM AND DAD. MOM IS  
19   ARIANA LUKO BUT ALSO HER GRANDPARENTS JOINED HER. AND HER  
20   ENTRY WAS THIS BEAUTIFUL LITTLE DINOSAUR THAT CARRIED OUT THE-  
21   - I GUESS WHAT THE THEME WAS? RIGHT? AND IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL  
22   AND IT TALKS ABOUT READING AND CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S REALLY AN  
23   HONOR. [ APPLAUSE ]  
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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** AND LET ME GIVE YOU YOUR CERTIFICATE, SWEETHEART.  
2    I FORGOT ABOUT THAT. TAKE A PICTURE? CONGRATULATIONS. THANK  
3    YOU, SWEETHEART. AND, OF COURSE, NEXT, WE HAVE SAMUEL KIM.  
4    COME ON UP. SAMUEL HAS ALSO BEEN JOINED BY HIS PARENTS AS WELL  
5    AS HIS GRANDPARENTS. THEY'RE VERY PROUD OF HIS WORK. AND HE  
6    DID A WHOLE BOOKMARK THAT SAYS "READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD"  
7    AND IT'S REALLY A VERY BEAUTIFUL, VERY ATTRACTIVE.  
8    CONGRATULATIONS, SAM. SAM IS FROM VEHAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE  
9    READS AT THE WALNUT LIBRARY AND HE IS THE WINNER OF THE THIRD  
10   GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE CATEGORY AND SO WE'RE VERY PROUD AND  
11   SO ARE HIS PARENTS, JIM AND MACEY KIM. CONGRATULATIONS AND LET  
12   ME PRESENT YOU WITH YOUR SCROLL. THANKS, ANN. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE AS WELL HAVE ONE OF OUR WINNERS WHO IS A  
15   SIXTH GRADER AND SHE COULDN'T JOIN US-- I'M SORRY, SHE'S AN  
16   EIGHTH GRADER AND SHE'S FROM SPARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SHE  
17   READS AT OUR LA PUENTE LIBRARY. AND SHE DID A VERY, VERY  
18   BEAUTIFUL BOOKMARK THAT SPEAKS TO LIBRARIES AND BOOKS OPEN UP  
19   A WHOLE NEW WORLD AND THAT'S TRUE, SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE  
20   AMY AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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24   **SUP. BURKE:** I'M VERY PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE WINNERS FROM THE  
25   SECOND DISTRICT. AND THE FIRST WINNER IS LONNIE MATZAMORRA,



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1 SECOND GRADE STUDENT AT DENKER STREET SCHOOL. AND SHE'S THE  
2 WINNER IN THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE CATEGORY. AND  
3 SHE READS AT GARDENA MAMIE DEAR PUBLIC LIBRARY. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** AND CHRISTA COLEMAN IS A FIFTH GRADE STUDENT AT  
6 VIEWPARK PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL. SHE'S WINNER IN GRADE  
7 THREE THROUGH FIVE AND SHE READS AT THE VIEWPARK PUBLIC  
8 LIBRARY. AND I HAVE TO SAY HER GRANDMOTHER, BERNADINE COLEMAN,  
9 IS AN AUTHOR, SO I KNOW SHE'S VERY INSPIRED. SHE'S PROBABLY  
10 WRITING AS WELL AS READING. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND BRIAN BIAZ IS THE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT. HE IS  
13 OUR NEXT WINNER AND HE IS A STUDENT AT EASTMONT INTERMEDIATE  
14 SCHOOL. HE'S THE WINNER IN GRADE 5 THROUGH 8 AND THE CATEGORY  
15 FROM CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY. AND I UNDERSTAND  
16 YOU ALSO LIVE IN EAST L.A. AS WELL AS IN CULVER CITY AND YOU  
17 GO TO THAT LIBRARY. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO INVITE THE THIRD  
22 DISTRICT WINNERS AND, LIKE THE OTHER DISTRICTS, WE'RE VERY  
23 PROUD OF THEM. LET ME FIRST CALL UP AERIAL DUBO. IS AERIAL  
24 HERE? FROM YURBA BUENA SCHOOL. FIFTH GRADER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT IS SIMONE LAU FROM THE WILLOW  
2    ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SECOND GRADER. SIMONE? [ APPLAUSE ]

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, IS CAROLYN JANG FROM  
5    THE LANDERO CANYON MIDDLE SCHOOL, EIGHTH GRADER AND THIS IS  
6    HER THIRD YEAR IN A ROW AS A WINNER, SO CONGRATULATIONS,  
7    CAROLYN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TWO OF  
12    OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND  
13    EXCELLENT AND QUICK THINKING WORK AND THAT'S-- WITH ME IS  
14    STEVE REJAY, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS  
15    ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS WHO HELPED IN THIS  
16    PRESENTATION. LAST YEAR, AT THE SAN DIMAS STATION, DEPUTIES  
17    PATRICK BOHNERT AND SCOTT HURST JUMPED INTO A SWIMMING POOL TO  
18    SAVE A WOMAN WHO WAS TRAPPED UNDER WATER IN A PICKUP TRUCK.  
19    YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THAT ON THE NEWS OR READ ABOUT IT IN THE  
20    NEWSPAPER. THE WOMAN WAS LOOKING DOWN DIALING HER CELL PHONE,  
21    THEY BELIEVE, WHEN, JUST BEFORE SHE HIT A UTILITY POLE,  
22    CRASHED THROUGH A BLOCK WALL, LANDED IN THE DEEP END OF A  
23    SWIMMING POOL AT A HOME IN COVINA. THE DEPUTY BOHNERT AND  
24    HURST WERE DRIVING THROUGH COVINA ON PATROL WHEN THEY SAW THE  
25    WHITE DODGE RAM CRASH AND THE CAB OF THE TRUCK RAPIDLY



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1 SUBMERGED. SO DEPUTY BOHNERT JUMPED INTO THE POOL WHILE DEPUTY  
2 HURST HELD HIM BY HIS WAISTBAND BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO OPEN THAT  
3 DOOR; HOWEVER, SUCCESSFULLY HE WAS ABLE TO FORCE THE WINDOW  
4 DOWN AND PULLED THE WOMAN, WHO WAS BELIEVED TO BE IN EXCESS OF  
5 200 POUNDS, THROUGH THAT WINDOW. SHE WAS TAKEN TO SAN DIMAS  
6 HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS TREATED AND LATER RELEASED AND, THANKS  
7 TO THEIR QUICK ACTION, THEIR QUICK ACTION SAVED THIS LADY'S  
8 LIFE, SO PATRICK? AND, CAPTAIN, YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? [  
9 APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND THE  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THESE TWO DEPUTIES. THEY  
13 ARE TRUE HEROES AND THEIR ACTIONS EXEMPLIFY THE MEN AND WOMEN  
14 OF SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION AND THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY  
15 ARE TRUE HEROES AND, AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE YOU RECOGNIZING  
16 THESE FINE HEROES. THANK YOU AGAIN.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND FOR THAT, WE HAD A VERY NICE  
19 OPENING OF THEIR NEW SHERIFF'S STATION ON SATURDAY NEW  
20 SHERIFF'S STATION ON AND WHILE I WAS THERE FOR PART OF IT,  
21 LITTLE MICHAEL GOT TO SCORE TWO POINTS IN HIS Y.M.C.A.  
22 BASKETBALL GAME, SO HE WAS VERY HAPPY, TOO.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW  
2    OFFICERS OF THE CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.  
3    THE ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED MORE THAN 110 YEARS AGO AND SERVES  
4    AS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE ASSOCIATION  
5    STILL PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY AND I'M  
6    PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE ITS 2006 OFFICERS BEFORE THE BOARD.

7    MICHAEL CHEUNG, WHO IS THE NEW PRESIDENT AND ALSO SERVES AS  
8    ONE OF OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SO, MICHAEL? [ APPLAUSE ]

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND PETER CHINN, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN.  
11   PETE? [ APPLAUSE ]

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND KWOK HO LAU, WHO IS THE VICE  
14   CHAIRMAN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND MICHAEL, DO YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW  
17   WORDS FIRST?

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19   **MICHAEL CHEUNG:** SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, ON BEHALF OF  
20   C.C.B.A., WE APPRECIATE YOUR LONG-TIME SUPPORT AND THE  
21   FRIENDSHIP, PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE COUNTY IN THE FUTURE. THANK  
22   YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE 2006  
25   MISS L.A. CHINATOWN QUEEN AND COURT AND THE WINNERS OF THE



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1 LITTLE KING AND QUEEN CONTEST. FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS, THE  
2 MISS LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN PAGEANT HAS BEEN VERY RECOGNIZED,  
3 HIGHLY ANTICIPATED EVENT IN OUR COUNTY. THE YOUNG LADIES WHO  
4 PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT SPEND 10 WEEKS LEARNING TECHNIQUES  
5 ON PUBLIC SPEAKING, PRESENTATIONS, AS WELL AS THE HISTORY AND  
6 CURRENT AFFAIRS SURROUNDING THE CHINESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND  
7 THE UNITED STATES. THE CROWNED MISS LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN AND  
8 HER COURT REPRESENT THE CHINESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS GOODWILL  
9 AMBASSADORS TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.  
10 PARTICIPATING IN THE LITTLE QUEEN AND KING CONTEST INCLUDES  
11 FIVE AND SIX-YEAR-OLD BOYS AND GIRLS OF CHINESE HERITAGE. AS  
12 KING AND QUEEN, PRINCE AND PRINCESSES ARE CHOSEN AND HAVE THE  
13 OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE CHINESE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVALS,  
14 INCLUDING THE ANNUAL GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE AND THE CHINESE NEW  
15 YEAR'S BANQUET. SO, AT THIS TIME, LET ME PRESENT TO MISS  
16 FRIENDSHIP, FONG THAI, WHO WAS BORN IN VIETNAM, IMMIGRATED TO  
17 THE UNITED STATES AS JUST A ONE-YEAR-OLD. FONG THEN GRADUATED  
18 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN 2004 WITH A B.S. IN  
19 BIOLOGY, MINORING IN ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDIES. HER CAREER GOALS  
20 WILL LEAD HER INTO A FIELD OF HEALTHCARE CATERING TO THE NEEDS  
21 OF THE UNDERSERVED POPULATION. SHE'S VOLUNTEERED AT THE UNION  
22 RESCUE MISSION AND WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. IN HER SPARE  
23 TIME, SHE ENJOYS CROSSWORD PUZZLES, SCRAP BOOKING AND  
24 SNOWBOARDING. SO FONG? NOT HERE? WELL, HERE YOU ARE. THANK  
25 YOU. [ LAUGHTER ] WE'LL GIVE IT TO YOU TO TAKE TO HER. DOW IS



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1 HERE, RIGHT? SHE'S NOT HERE, EITHER. OKAY. WELL, LET ME READ.  
2 THE FOURTH PRINCESS WAS DOW ENCOUT, WHO WAS RAISED IN LOS  
3 ANGELES, PURSUING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY PRE-LAW  
4 WITH A MINOR IN CINEMA TELEVISION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE PLANS TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL NEXT FALL.  
6 SHE'S BEEN ACTIVE IN VOLUNTEERING SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND  
7 CONTINUES HER COMMITMENT THROUGH COLLEGE BY WORKING AS A  
8 MENTOR WITH U.S.C.'S JOINT EDUCATIONAL PROJECT. SO WE'LL GIVE  
9 THAT TO HER LATER. OKAY. ANGELA. OKAY. HERE WE GO. ANGELA  
10 ROBERTSON, WHO IS PURSUING A DUAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
11 ENTERTAINMENT ARTS AND ILLUSTRATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE  
12 UNIVERSITY AT FULLERTON, CURRENTLY WORKS AT SONY PICTURES  
13 ANIMATION WHERE SHE HOPES TO FULFILL HER DREAM AS AN ARTIST.  
14 SHE'S A MEMBER OF DELTA ZELTA SORORITY, VOLUNTEERED AS A CAMP  
15 COUNSELOR AND LIFEGUARD FOR A CAMP FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED  
16 CHILDREN. SHE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY, PAINTING  
17 AND RUNNING. SO, ANGELA, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND PRINCESS IS KAY PON YUSAMI, WHO  
20 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CALIFORNIA. SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE  
21 CHINESE COMMUNITY ATTENDING CHINESE SCHOOL FOR 10 YEARS,  
22 PARTICIPATING IN MANY CHINESE ARTS, INCLUDING AWASHU AND  
23 CHINESE FOLK DANCING. SHE'S FLUENT IN MANDARIN. CURRENTLY A  
24 STUDENT AT MOUNT SAT COLLEGE AND PLANS TO TRANSFER TO THE  
25 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE AND STUDY IN INTERNATIONAL





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1 STUDIES. SHE'S WORKED AND VOLUNTEERED AT MANY OF THE CHINESE  
2 SCHOOLS IN THE AREA TEACHING ENGLISH AND DANCE CLASSES. IN HER  
3 SPARE TIME, SHE WORKS AT A PRIVATE INSTITUTE TEACHING DISABLED  
4 CHILDREN. SO KAY? [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST PRINCESS IS NANCY KUONG, WHO WAS  
7 RAISED IN CALIFORNIA AND RESIDES IN PASADENA AND STUDIES  
8 BUSINESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE'S  
9 FLUENT IN CANTONESE AND MANDARIN, HIGHLY INVOLVED IN  
10 ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY, SERVING AS THE CHAIR FOR THE  
11 DELTA SIGMA PHI BUSINESS FRATERNITY. MEMBER OF THE ASIAN-  
12 AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. SHE ENJOYS AND WORKS WHILE  
13 ATTENDING SCHOOL, SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND PROJECT  
14 DEVELOPMENT FOR A PRIVATE LABELING PACKAGING FIRM WITH CLIENTS  
15 INCLUDING MGM GRAND AND THE FOUR SEASONS. SO, NANCY? [  
16 APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** QUEEN MISS PHOTOGENIC AND THAT IS  
19 MELODY CHEUNG WHO WAS BORN IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN, AND IMMIGRATED  
20 TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1987. CURRENTLY, SHE ATTENDS THE  
21 SECOND YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY DOUBLE  
22 MAJORING IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PSYCHOLOGY. SHE'S  
23 VOLUNTEERED AT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, HOMELESS SHELTERS AND  
24 WITH SENIORS AT THE JOYFUL ADULT DAY CARE HEALTH CARE CENTER.  
25 SHE RECENTLY CO-HOSTED THE TAIWAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF



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1 CALIFORNIA'S YOUNG MUSICIAN'S COMPETITION AND ENJOYS READING,  
2 COOKING AND JAPANESE ARCHERY. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND OUR LITTLE KING IS DOUGLAS SITO  
5 CHINN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE LITTLE QUEEN IS SARA DUNN--  
8 SERELTH ANNE YING DUNN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND OUR LITTLE PRINCE IS SPENCER  
11 HARRISON KINFAIR AMAR. HE'S ONE OF THE AMAR BOYS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND LITTLE PRINCESS KAILA DUONG. [  
14 APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND LITTLE PRINCESS HALIAN LEE. HALIAN  
17 LEE. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE NEED A GROUP PICTURE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD  
22 FOR THIS FANTASTIC HONOR. THE COURT AND LITTLE COURT AND I ARE  
23 ALL VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE. AND I WANT TO WISH EVERYBODY A  
24 HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT OUR



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1 PARADE NEXT SATURDAY AT 2:00 ON BROADWAY. THANK YOU. [

2 APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE DOG, AND  
5 SO WE HAVE LITTLE GINGER AND MARY ANN, WHO ARE DALMATIAN MIX  
6 FEMALES WHO ARE 12 WEEKS OLD AND-- 12 WEEKS, MORE THAN A  
7 HANDFUL.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A BIG PUPPY. VERY GOOD!

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THESE  
12 LITTLE DALMATIANS FOR THE YEAR OF THE DOG. ANYWAY, LET'S SAY  
13 WE PUT YOU DOWN. OKAY. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN  
14 CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER (562) 728-4644 AND MARY ANN AND  
15 GINGER CAN BE YOURS OR YOU CAN HAVE ONE EACH. THESE ARE LITTLE  
16 DOGS THAT COME FROM CROATIA. OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE? PRESENTATIONS?  
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK BONNY  
24 MATHESON-- BONNY HERMAN, I KNEW HER AS BONNY MATHESON, TO COME  
25 UP HERE. SHOWS YOU HOW OLD I AM. THIS WAY, BONNY. SHE SAID



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1 IT'S TOUGH TO FOLLOW KIDS AND DOGS BUT SHE'S UP TO IT. MEMBERS  
2 OF THE BOARD, BONNY HERMAN HAS BEEN, FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS,  
3 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT OF THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND  
4 COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, V.I.C.A., WHICH HAS REPRESENTED NOT ONLY  
5 THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BUT MANY OF  
6 THE CIVIC INTERESTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. IT HAS BEEN  
7 ONE OF THE FEW CONSTANTS OVER THESE LAST 20 YEARS OF  
8 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATORY  
9 BODIES, THE COMMUNITY, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE CITIZENRY  
10 COULD TURN TO AND KNOW THAT THERE WAS A COMMON THREAD THAT HAS  
11 TIED SAN FERNANDO VALLEY INTERESTS OVER THESE LAST 20 YEARS.  
12 BONNY TOOK OVER THE ORGANIZATION 20 YEARS AGO. IT WAS A  
13 SMALLER SUBURBAN, NOT QUITE THE POWERHOUSE THAT IT HAS BECOME  
14 UNDER HER LEADERSHIP BUT, IN THESE LAST 20 YEARS, V.I.C.A. HAS  
15 BECOME NOT ONLY AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
16 BUT IT'S BEEN AN IMPORTANT VOICE FOR THE REGION. FIRST OF ALL,  
17 BECAUSE IT SPEAKS NOT PAROCHIALY BUT IT SPEAKS REGIONALLY. IT  
18 HAS BEEN A GREAT ADVOCATE FOR TRANSPORTATION, IT'S BEEN--  
19 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, IT'S BEEN A GREAT ADVOCATE FOR SOUND  
20 PUBLIC POLICY ON GOVERNANCE ISSUES, SCHOOL DISTRICT-RELATED  
21 ISSUES, COUNTY-RELATED ISSUES, CITY-RELATED ISSUES, STATE AND  
22 FEDERAL, THEY'VE BEEN A PRESENCE IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND  
23 SACRAMENTO. ALL OF THOSE THINGS HAVE MADE V.I.C.A. AN  
24 IMPORTANT VOICE IN THE REGION. AND BONNY HAS, UNFORTUNATELY,  
25 NOW THAT SHE'S BUILT THIS ORGANIZATION UP, THIS IS KIND OF A



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1 BITTERSWEET MOMENT, HAS TAKEN ANOTHER POSITION. SHE WILL BE  
2 RETIRING FROM V.I.C.A. AND SHE WILL BE TAKING A VERY IMPORTANT  
3 JOB AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR  
4 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AND I BELIEVE YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN THAT  
5 JOB, ACTUALLY, TOMORROW IS YOUR FIRST DAY AND REPLACING NICK  
6 BOWMAN AS A LEGENDARY FIGURE IN THAT ORGANIZATION AND WE ARE  
7 GOING TO WISH HER WELL. SHE'S LEFT A PAIR OF BIG SHOES TO  
8 FILL. I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE THINGS SHE'S DONE IS LEFT AN  
9 ORGANIZATION WITH A STRUCTURE THAT CAN CARRY ON, BECAUSE WE  
10 ALL RELY ON V.I.C.A. AS WE-- AS THE VALLEY HAS SINCE 1949, BUT  
11 ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST TWO DECADES AS A RESPONSIBLE VOICE FOR  
12 GOOD PUBLIC POLICY, FROM TRANSPORTATION TO FISCAL TO SOCIAL  
13 SERVICES TO THE WHOLE NINE YARDS. IT HAS NOT BEEN A TYPICAL  
14 BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. IT HAS BEEN A MUCH BROADER ENTITY THAN  
15 THAT AND I CREDIT BONNY AND THE HUMAN SIDE OF BONNY, WHICH IS  
16 SUBSTANTIAL, HAS INFUSED A HUMAN SIDE TO THIS ORGANIZATION AND  
17 WE WILL MISS YOU. I WILL PERSONALLY MISS YOU. YOU'VE BEEN A  
18 GREAT FRIEND TO ME AND TO OUR OFFICE WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY  
19 COUNCIL AND ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
20 YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT FRIEND TO THE REGION, TO THE VALLEY AND TO  
21 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA AS A WHOLE. SO CONGRATULATIONS,  
22 BONNY. WE WANTED TO HONOR YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION, SIGNED  
23 BY ALL OF US, WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR BIG NEW POSITION. [  
24 APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO JOIN IN THAT AS ONE OF THE  
2    REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, I'VE APPRECIATED  
3    THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH BONNY OVER THE PAST YEARS. PLUS,  
4    BONNY IS ALSO AN EQUESTRIAN AND SHE RIDES WITH ME ON OUR  
5    BIANNUAL TRAIL RIDES THAT WE DO THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND SO  
6    WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT TRAIL RIDE THIS  
7    SPRING.

8

9    **SUP. KNABE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD, TOO, MR. MAYOR, WORKING WITH  
10   BONNY ON MANY REGIONAL ISSUES OVER THE YEARS, BOTH AS A STAFF  
11   PERSON TO DEAN AND THEN AS A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD AND THE  
12   WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND HER SKILLS IN BRINGING COALITIONS  
13   TOGETHER, SHE'LL BE GREATLY MISSED. SO WE'LL MISS YOU, BONNY.

14

15   **BONNY HERMAN:** THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY MUCH. YOU KNOW, IT IS  
16   VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY GOOD-BYE BUT GOING ON TO THE CALIFORNIA  
17   CENTER FOR REGIONAL LEADERSHIP, I'M NOT REALLY LEAVING YOU  
18   ALL. I'LL BE MOVING THE OFFICE DOWN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO THE  
19   VALLEY AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THIS COUNTY AND ALL THE  
20   OTHER REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES UP AND DOWN THE STATE. SO I'M  
21   NOT REALLY LEAVING YOU BUT I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE  
22   OF YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP THAT I'VE HAD WITH YOU  
23   AND HOW RESPONSIVE YOU HAVE BEEN TO ME AND TO V.I.C.A. ON THE  
24   VARIOUS ISSUES THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED. WE'VE HAD VERY, VERY  
25   HONEST, TRANSPARENT DEBATE. AND I KNOW THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE



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1 AND I JUST THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE SUPPORT YOU'VE GIVEN ME  
2 AND V.I.C.A. OVER THE YEARS. THIS IS A VERY OUTSTANDING BOARD  
3 OF SUPERVISORS TO BE PRIDE OF LOS ANGELES AND MAKE ALL THE  
4 OTHER REST OF THE CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES LOOK TO YOU ALL  
5 FOR THE WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP THAT YOU SHARE WITH THIS HUGE  
6 COUNTY. GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR DELIBERATIONS ON MANY ISSUES ON  
7 YOUR AGENDA TODAY AND I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS  
8 PRESIDENT AND CEO OF C.C.R.L. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YOU KNOW, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
13 WE HAD SOME AWARD WINNERS UP HERE TODAY FOR A BOOKMARK CONTEST  
14 AND FUTURE GRAPHIC ARTIST AND THIS IS A VERY, I THINK, TALK  
15 ABOUT SAD MOMENTS, WE'RE LOSING ONE OF OUR GREAT MEMBERS OF  
16 OUR COUNTY FAMILY AND THAT'S MR. MARTIN BARRERA. AND I'M GOING  
17 TO ASK MARTIN TO COME ON UP HERE AND JOIN US. MARTIN MIGHT BE  
18 HERE ALREADY. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE AND OUT THERE ON  
21 TELEVISION, YOU WATCH US DO THIS EACH AND EVERY WEEK, THESE  
22 WONDERFUL SCROLLS. AND MARTIN IS OUR GRAPHIC ARTS COORDINATOR  
23 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. HE AND HIS GREAT STAFF DO A  
24 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK AND ADD BEAUTY AND PERSONALIZATION  
25 AND CREATIVITY TO THESE WONDERFUL SCROLLS. MARTIN'S RETIRING



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1 AFTER 25 YEARS. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A GRAPHIC ARTIST WITH  
2 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND TRANSFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. HE DESIGNED BROCHURES, INVITATIONS,  
4 FLIERS, CARICATURES, JUST TO NAME A FEW, AND DESIGNED THE  
5 AWARD-WINNING COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT, WHICH ARE ALSO FEATURED IN  
6 THE STATE FAIR EACH AND EVERY YEAR. ON DECEMBER 31ST-- NEW  
7 YEAR'S EVE, HUH? 1986, HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE GRAPHIC ARTS  
8 COORDINATOR, SERVING IN THAT CAPACITY FOR SOME 19 YEARS.

9 OBVIOUSLY MARTIN IS WELL-LIKED BY US ALL, HIS WELCOMING AND  
10 GENEROUS NATURE, HIS EASYGOING ATTITUDE, HIS INCREDIBLE SENSE  
11 OF HUMOR, HIS GREAT DESIRE TO WAKE UP EARLY IN THE MORNING...

12 [ LAUGHTER ]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** ...THAT WAS A TRUE JOKE, HIS CREATIVITY ON THE  
15 SPOT ARE ALL THE QUALITIES THAT ALL OF US HERE ON THIS BOARD  
16 AND THE COUNTY FAMILY WILL LONG REMEMBER. UPON HIS RETIREMENT,  
17 HE IS GOING TO BE RETURNING TO HIS HOMETOWN OF LAREDO, TEXAS,  
18 TO CONCENTRATE ON THE MANY PROJECTS THAT HE HAS DOWN THERE. HE  
19 HAS LOTS OF FAMILY DOWN THERE BUT I JUST SAY AND I KNOW JUST  
20 SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, AND OTHERS MAY WANT TO MAKE A FEW  
21 COMMENTS BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WORKING WITH MARTIN AND HIS  
22 STAFF, THEIR GENEROSITY, YOU KNOW, WE GET THESE LAST-MINUTE  
23 RUSHES AND THEIR PATIENCE DOWN THERE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED  
24 BUT JUST A WARM WORKING, WONDERFUL WORKING RELATIONSHIP. AND  
25 MARTIN, WE JUST WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST IN YOUR



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1 RETIREMENT, GOOD HEALTH, AN ENJOYABLE RETIREMENT, THE BEST  
2 BACK THERE IN LAREDO. PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH. WE JUST CAN'T  
3 THANK YOU ENOUGH ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR  
4 COUNTY FAMILY AND THESE GREAT CITIZENS OUT HERE WHO HAVE  
5 RECEIVED MANY, MANY OF YOUR WONDERFUL SCROLLS. THANK YOU AND  
6 GOD SPEED. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO JOIN WITH YOU. MARTIN IS A  
9 PROUD RESIDENT OF BURBANK, BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BURBANK, AS A  
10 CONSTITUENT. AND, AS YOU STATED, DON, HE'S BEEN A POINT PERSON  
11 AT THE HALL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BUT THE SCROLL THAT YOU'RE  
12 PRESENTING HIM TODAY IS SPECIAL BECAUSE IT WAS CREATED BY HIS  
13 OWN COLLEAGUES IN THE GRAPHIC ARTS DEPARTMENT TO PRIDE HIM  
14 WITH THAT MEMENTO OF HIS LONG TENURE AT THE BOARD AND EACH  
15 CALLIGRAPHER HAS CONTRIBUTED. ONE OF THE FLOWERS ON THE  
16 SCROLL, INCLUDING MOLLY, WHICH IS AN ARTIST WHO RETIRED THIS  
17 PAST SPRING AND THEY HAD A VERY NICE LUNCHEON FOR MARTIN AT  
18 THE CATHEDRAL ACROSS THE STREET. AND I KNOW WHEN DEBBIE  
19 MENDELSSOHN AND MY STAFF HELPED WITH THE REDESIGN OF THE  
20 SCROLL BACK IN THE EARLY '80S, PUTTING MORE GOLD AND  
21 GINGERBREAD ON THERE, MARTIN WAS THERE WITH ETCHY AND OTHERS  
22 AND, AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S BECOME A MASTERPIECE THAT MANY OF  
23 THE OTHER CITIES ARE NOW COPYING AS PART OF THEIR SCROLLS FROM  
24 ARCADIA ON, A LITTLE PLAGIARISM TAKING PLACE, AND THEY SHOULD  
25 PUT AT THE BOTTOM, "THANK YOU MARTIN, ETCHY AND THE REST OF



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1 THE CALLIGRAPHERS FROM L.A. COUNTY FOR LETTING THEM DO THAT."  
2 BUT THANK YOU, MARTIN, FOR YOUR SERVICE AND WE WILL MISS YOU.  
3 WE APPRECIATED YOUR SERVICE. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE MARTIN SAYS A WORD, LET  
6 ME JUST ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT CAREER AND A THANK  
7 YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR OFFICE AND THE MANY CONSTITUENTS OF OURS  
8 WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED BY YOUR CALLIGRAPHY AND WHAT I'VE ALWAYS  
9 ENJOYED AND WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS ENJOYED ABOUT YOUR CALLIGRAPHY  
10 IS THAT THERE'S ALWAYS A LITTLE BIT OF AN ORIGINAL TOUCH. IT'S  
11 NOT ROUTINE, IT'S NOT ROTE. YOU KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE IS, IF  
12 IT'S A BAR MITZVAH OR A CHRISTENING OR A OPENING OF A 7-11 OR  
13 WHATEVER IT IS, YOU'VE ALWAYS PUT THAT PERSONAL TOUCH RELATED  
14 TO THAT EVENT AND I'M SURE IT HELPS KEEP YOUR SANITY DOWN  
15 THERE BUT IT ALSO MAKES PEOPLE REAL APPRECIATIVE AND I WANT TO  
16 THANK YOU BECAUSE THESE ARE THINGS THAT, WHEN WE DON'T HAVE  
17 ANY STAKE IN THEM, NOBODY UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE IMPORTANCE OF  
18 IT IS BUT, WHEN YOU RECEIVE ONE OF THESE AND YOU'RE HONORED,  
19 IT MEANS EVERYTHING AND YOU'VE MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE VERY HAPPY  
20 AND, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND OUR OFFICE,  
21 THANKS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN ON SAYING HOW MUCH WE  
24 APPRECIATE SO MUCH THE BEAUTIFUL WORK. AND IT IS PERSONALIZED  
25 AND PEOPLE APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH, AND YOU'RE ABLE TO CAPTURE



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1 JUST THAT LITTLE THING THAT'S DIFFERENT THAT MAKES IT SO  
2 IMPORTANT AND PERSONAL TO THE PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THEM AND I GO  
3 EVERY PLACE AND YOU SEE THOSE SCROLLS ON THE WALL BECAUSE  
4 PEOPLE ARE VERY, VERY PROUD TO RECEIVE THEM, IT'S AN HONOR AND  
5 YOU HAVE TO BE COMMENDED FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK OVER THESE  
6 YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND OUR OFFICE APPRECIATES SO MUCH.

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8 **MARTIN BARRERA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND BEFORE YOU START, LET ME JUST JOIN AND SAY,  
11 AND I HAVE TO BECAUSE MY STAFF WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE  
12 RECOGNIZE YOU. YOU'VE DONE SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB WITH  
13 EVERYTHING WE DO. WE ALWAYS RUN IN THERE LAST MINUTE AND YOU  
14 ALWAYS CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING BUT I MUST SAY, WE'RE VERY,  
15 VERY PROUD. YOU CAN SEE EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT YOU HAVE A  
16 PASSION FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD  
17 THAT YOU'VE BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE ALL THESE YEARS AND HAVE  
18 DEDICATED YOURSELF TO THIS WORK. ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT. [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

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21 **MARTIN BARRERA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WELL, BEFORE I FORGET,  
22 THIS IS THE GRAPHIC ARTS STAFF. THESE ARE THE ONES THAT CREATE  
23 THESE. I JUST GIVE IT TO THEM. [ LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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1 **MARTIN BARRERA:** BUT, AS YOU MUST KNOW, I'VE SEEN THOUSANDS OF  
2 THESE IN 25 YEARS AND IT'S STILL A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO  
3 GET ONE OF THESE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE, AS YOU SAY, THERE'S  
4 SOMETHING SPECIAL IN EACH ONE, AND I'LL CERTAINLY KEEP THIS  
5 FOR A LONG TIME. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY.  
6 I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROUD TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND IT'S BEEN A  
7 WONDERFUL ROLLERCOASTER BUT I'M GLAD TO GET OUT. [ LAUGHTER ]

8

9 **MARTIN BARRERA:** SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, MAYOR AND MR.  
10 JANSSEN, YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT BOSS AND EVERYBODY ELSE THAT WE  
11 WORK WITH, THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE  
12 SOMETIMES AND I LEAVE YOU IN GOOD HANDS. THESE GUYS ARE THE  
13 GREATEST. THEY'RE THE BEST TALENTED PEOPLE WEST OF THE  
14 MISSISSIPPI, AT LEAST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'RE GOING TO DO THE GROUP PHOTO. I JUST GOT TO  
17 GIVE A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE WORK OF THAT DEPARTMENT IN  
18 MARTIN. LAST SATURDAY NIGHT, I DID A RETIREMENT FOR A DEAR  
19 FRIEND OF MINE, SHE RETIRED AFTER MANY YEARS AT RALPH'S. NO,  
20 IT'S THE TYPICAL "WHEREAS" AND, YOU KNOW, HAD HER NAME AND  
21 EVERYTHING ELSE. SOMEHOW THESE FOLKS PULLED OUT OF THAT WHERE  
22 SHE WAS RETIRING FROM AND HAD A LITTLE RALPH'S LOGO RIGHT IN  
23 THE HEART OF THAT THING AND I THOUGHT THIS LADY WAS JUST GOING  
24 TO CRY BUT, I MEAN, THAT'S THE KIND OF SPECIAL TOUCHES THEY  
25 ADD TO ALL THE WHEREAS'S.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO A QUICK PICTURE WITH THE BOARD OF  
5 DIRECTORS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ROCHELLE, MY INTERN, WILL BE LEAVING  
8 MY OFFICE FRIDAY AND SHE WILL NOW BE IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC  
9 RELATIONS FOR THE HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND SHE'S  
10 PROMISED US FRONT ROW SEATS AT THE ACADEMY AWARDS. JUST  
11 JOKING. LET ME DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST, A MAN WHO HAD BEEN  
12 HERE FOR MANY YEARS AS WE HONORED MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH EACH  
13 YEAR, FORMERLY ONE OF THE RECORDING ARTISTS, SINGER, WHO'S A  
14 FRATERNITY BROTHER, OLDER CLASSMAN WHEN I WAS AT CAL STATE  
15 L.A., PASSED AWAY. THAT'S ANDY BLACK, ANDREW BLACK, PASSED  
16 AWAY ON JANUARY 23RD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FOUR  
17 DAUGHTERS, ELOISE AND DAUGHTERS MERIDITH, JENNIFER, LORRI AND  
18 LYNN. ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. ANOTHER LADY THAT MANY OF YOU HAD  
19 KNOWN IN THE PAST AND THAT'S ELISABETH CAMILLE DONLEY. THAT  
20 WAS THE WIFE OF ROY DONLEY, WHO WAS MY PLANNING COMMISSIONER  
21 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SHE PASSED AWAY AND SHE LEAVES HER  
22 HUSBAND, ROY, AND DAUGHTER, ERIN. AND RUSSELL ELMER JOHNSON...

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE IN ON THAT ONE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ...WHO WAS A FORMER VICE-PRINCIPAL AT  
2    HEART HIGH SCHOOL, BOY SCOUT LEADER IN SAUGUS-NEWHALL,  
3    EDUCATOR, COUNSELOR, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, TRACK COACH, AND  
4    PRINCIPAL, ALONG WITH JUNE MCCORMACK, WE'LL PLACE ALL MEMBERS  
5    ON THIS, SHE'S THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER  
6    COUNTY CLERK, CONNY MCCORMACK, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 79 IN  
7    DALLAS, TEXAS. A COLLEAGUE OF MINE I SERVED IN THE STATE  
8    LEGISLATURE WITH, CHESTER WRAY, CHET WRAY, WHO REPRESENTED  
9    ORANGE COUNTY FROM '76 TO '82. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
10   82.

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12   **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE LEAVES HIS WIFE OF 54 YEARS, MARY  
15   AND A SON, CHET, JR. AND HIS SECOND WIFE'S DAUGHTERS WERE  
16   KAREN, SHARON AND LINDA, AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. JOEL  
17   WHITENER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE FOR 26  
18   YEARS WITH INSURANCE ASSOCIATES. AND HELEN MARY WILLIAMS, WHO  
19   WAS A SCIENCE TEACHER AT CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN  
20   PASADENA, WHERE SHE FOUNDED THE JUNIOR AUDUBON CLUB IN 1959,  
21   LATER NAMED OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURES AND INCORPORATED AS A  
22   NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION.  
23   ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS DOWN AT THIS BOARD A NUMBER OF  
24   TIMES AND THAT'S OCTAVIO GOMEZ, WHO WAS A TELEVISION CAMERAMAN  
25   AND HE COVERED MANY OF OUR EVENTS. AND LIEUTENANT HENRY DEAN,



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1 WHO RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AT THE TIME OF  
2 HIS PASSING. HE RECEIVED FULL MILITARY HONORS AT HIS MEMORIAL  
3 SERVICE. ALSO, I'D LIKE A MOTION FOR CORETTA KING BUT I'D LIKE  
4 SUPERVISOR BURKE TO MAKE THAT MOTION ON BEHALF OF CORETTA  
5 KING'S PASSING THIS MORNING. IS SHE HERE? WHEN SHE COMES,  
6 WE'LL HAVE HER DO THAT. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
7 SO ORDERED. A MOTION I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN AND WE COULD  
8 PERHAPS PASS TODAY BECAUSE WE'RE ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK,  
9 RECENT REPORTS HAVE DOCUMENTED TRACES OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS  
10 HAVE BEEN FOUND IN DRINKING WATER STORED BENEATH THE SAN  
11 GABRIEL VALLEY. WHILE THE SANITATION DISTRICT REPORTS THAT THE  
12 WATER IS PURE ENOUGH TO DRINK, THE FINDINGS HIGHLIGHT THE NEED  
13 TO ADDRESS THE WAY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS GET INTO OUR WATER. I'D  
14 LIKE TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC  
15 HEALTH OFFICER AND THE SANITATION DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP AND  
16 IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE  
17 DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH DISPOSING OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS  
18 AND THE PROPER METHODS FOR DISPOSAL WITH A REPORT BACK ON WHAT  
19 PURIFICATION METHODS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. SO THIS IS JUST A  
20 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND, BRYCE, COULD YOU COME UP FOR A  
22 MINUTE? I TALKED TO BRYCE EARLIER IN THE MEETING AND THERE'S  
23 BEEN A SUCCESSFUL CRACKDOWN BY THE DEPARTMENT ON WELFARE FRAUD  
24 DEALING WITH CHILDREN THAT WERE BEING USED TO COMMIT THIS  
25 FRAUD BY UNSCRUPULOUS INDIVIDUALS, AND PERHAPS YOU COULD GIVE



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1 US AN UPDATE AND I WOULD READ THE MOTION, WHICH SAID 10  
2 ALLEGED WELFARE CHEATS WERE ARRESTED BY THE DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY'S WELFARE FRAUD UNIT IN CONNECTION WITH SIX SEPARATE  
4 CRIMINAL CASES CHARGING THAT TAXPAYER-FUNDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
5 PROGRAMS WERE DEFRAUDED OUT OF NEARLY \$1.2 MILLION. FOUR  
6 ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS ARE BEING SOUGHT. THIS HAS BEEN A RISE  
7 IN CHILDCARE FRAUD IN L.A. COUNTY FROM WELFARE-TO-WORK  
8 RECIPIENTS WHO FABRICATE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION OR EXAGGERATE  
9 HOURS TO QUALIFY FOR TAXPAYER FINANCED CHILDCARE. 12 YEARS  
10 AGO, THE BOARD APPROVED MY MOTION WHICH DEVELOPED THE WELFARE  
11 FRAUD HOTLINE, WHICH HAS BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL IN DETECTING  
12 WELFARE FRAUD AND SAVING THE DEPARTMENT AND TAXPAYERS MILLIONS  
13 OF DOLLARS. HOWEVER, MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
14 MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
15 TO PROVIDE A REPORT AT THE FEBRUARY 7TH BOARD MEETING ON THESE  
16 CASES OF FRAUD, INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS-- WITH  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT MARCH-- FIRST  
18 MEETING IN MARCH WHERE WE HAVE A REPORT BACK AS TO  
19 RECOMMENDATIONS TO PURSUE BUT PERHAPS YOU COULD GIVE US AN  
20 UPDATE.

21  
22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BRYCE  
23 YOKOMIZO, D.P.S.S. MR. MAYOR, AS YOU INDICATED, WE HAVE SEEN A  
24 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CHILDCARE FRAUD IN OUR WELFARE  
25 PROGRAMS. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THROUGH A PURCHASE



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1 OF SERVICE AGREEMENT, THEIR INVESTIGATIVE STAFF HAD BEEN  
2 WORKING WITH OUR INVESTIGATIVE STAFF TO TRY TO CURB THE  
3 INCREASE THAT WE'RE SEEING IN CHILDCARE FRAUD. SO WE'LL BE  
4 WILLING TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A REPORT ON THAT IN EARLY MARCH,  
5 MR. MAYOR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST MEETING IN MARCH IS MARCH 7TH.  
8 HOW WERE THEY FABRICATING THE CHILDCARE STIPEND THAT THEY WERE  
9 TO RECEIVE?

10

11 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MR. MAYOR, UNDER NORMAL FRAUD CONDITIONS THAT  
12 WE NORMALLY FIND IN THE WELFARE SYSTEM, WE'LL HAVE INDIVIDUALS  
13 WHO WILL COLLECT A WELFARE BENEFIT IN ADDITION TO BEING  
14 EMPLOYED. IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, WHAT WE'RE FINDING NOW  
15 IS THAT WELFARE PARTICIPANTS ARE ACTUALLY GETTING CHILDCARE  
16 BENEFITS FOR MULTIPLE CHILDREN AND THE FACT IS THAT, IN FACT,  
17 THEY ARE NOT WORKING AND THEY'RE PROVIDING WITH DOCUMENTATION  
18 THAT REALLY LOOKS VERY LEGITIMATE, LOOKS VERY GENUINE, AND,  
19 UNTIL WE INVESTIGATE IT, IT'S DIFFICULT TO DETECT WHETHER OR  
20 NOT THIS INDEED IS LEGITIMATE DOCUMENTATION. SO THEREFORE THEY  
21 MAY BE GETTING PAID FOR CARING FOR CHILDREN, EVEN THOUGH THEY  
22 THEMSELVES ARE NOT EMPLOYED. SO THERE'S A WIDE CONTINUUM OF  
23 THESE TYPES OF CASES THAT ARE GOING ON.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES THE FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENTS THAT  
2    WE HAVE, IS THAT \_\_\_\_\_ OR WHAT OTHER METHODS DO YOU USE IN THAT  
3    DETECTION?

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5    **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THE FINGERPRINT SYSTEM THAT WE USE IS VERY  
6    EFFECTIVE IN THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE PERSON SAYS OR  
7    UTILIZES AS THEIR IDENTIFICATION, THEIR FINGERPRINTS ENSURES  
8    US THAT WE'RE ONLY GOING TO HAVE ONE CASE ON FILE FOR THAT  
9    INDIVIDUAL, SO THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THE FACT THAT A  
10   FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IS VERY HELPFUL TO US  
11   BECAUSE IT ELIMINATES MULTIPLE AID FRAUD WHERE A PERSON WILL  
12   OPEN UP MORE THAN ONE CASE. THAT'S BEEN VERY, VERY EFFECTIVE.  
13   THE OTHER THING THAT'S BEEN EFFECTIVE IS THE HOTLINE THAT YOU  
14   IMPLEMENTED OVER 10 YEARS AGO. THAT'S ALSO BEEN VERY  
15   EFFECTIVE, BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US TO GET INFORMATION THAT WE  
16   MIGHT NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE FROM OUR OTHER COMPUTER SYSTEMS.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS BY OTHER MEMBERS? OKAY.  
19   THEN WE COULD HAVE THE REPORT ON MARCH 7TH AS TO  
20   RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR ABILITY TO DETECT FRAUD.  
21   THANK YOU. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, THIS IS THE ORDINANCE DEALING  
22   WITH SPECIFIC BREEDS, REGULATING SPECIFIC BREEDS THROUGH A  
23   SPAY, NEUTERING PROGRAM AND ADDRESS OTHER BREEDING  
24   RESTRICTIONS WITH PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE. WE HAVE A  
25   NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS. AS YOU KNOW--



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1 FIRST, LET ME CALL UP ELIZABETH HAMPTON AND DONNA TERMEER. AS  
2 YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A RASH OF PIT BULL AND OTHER ATTACKS ON  
3 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE LED UP TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASSING  
4 LEGISLATION WHICH THIS BOARD SUPPORTED LAST YEAR BY SENATOR  
5 SPEAR AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER, WHICH WAS TO  
6 ALLOW CITIES AND COUNTIES TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMPOSE  
7 STIFFER REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENT SPAYING AND NEUTERING  
8 PROGRAMS. AS A RESULT OF THAT, IT'S NOW THE LAW AND MANY OF  
9 THE CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE MOVING FORWARD. APPROXIMATELY TWO  
10 WEEKS AGO OR LESS, A LITTLE 11-MONTH-OLD GIRL HAD HER EAR  
11 EATEN BY A PIT BULL, I UNDERSTAND, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE  
12 MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE TODAY IS VERY UNIQUE BECAUSE THE  
13 DOG WAS KILLED, THEY WERE ABLE TO EXTRACT THE EAR AND SO THEY  
14 ATTACHED THE EAR BACK ONTO THE CHILD. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE A  
15 SUCCESSFUL SURGERY BUT WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS A ORDINANCE THAT  
16 WOULD ALLOW US TO IMPOSE THOSE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO REQUIRING  
17 SPAYING AND NEUTERING FOR ROTTWEILERS AND PIT BULLS. ELIZABETH  
18 HAMPTON IS THE GRANDMOTHER OF THE CHILD. SHE WOULD LIKE TO  
19 COME UP AT THIS TIME. AND DONNA? I'VE JUST BEEN ADVISED THE  
20 SURGERY DID NOT WORK, SO THEY'RE GOING TO USE A PROSTHETIC FOR  
21 THE LITTLE GIRL. GOOD MORNING. JUST BEFORE YOU SPEAK, GIVE  
22 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

23

24 **ELIZABETH HAMPTON:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ELIZABETH HAMPTON. GOOD  
25 MORNING. I'M ELIZABETH HAMPTON. UNFORTUNATELY, I'M HERE



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1 BECAUSE IT WAS MY GRANDBABY. AND THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO PUT THE  
2 EAR BACK ON, SO THEY WILL MAKE ONE UNTIL SHE'S THREE YEARS  
3 OLD. SO SHE WILL BE WITHOUT ONE FOR THREE YEARS. SO I'M HERE  
4 TO SUPPORT STRICTER LAWS AND I FEEL MAYBE KEEP THEM OUT OF THE  
5 CITY LIMITS AND MAKE IT STATEWIDE, STRICTER, MAYBE INSURANCE,  
6 INSURANCE RATES ON HOMEOWNERS AND-- SORRY. ..(VOICE  
7 WAVERING)...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. JUST RELAX. WE'LL  
10 GET YOU SOME WATER.

11

12 **ELIZABETH HAMPTON:** I ACTUALLY LIVE IN ARKANSAS AND WE HAVE A  
13 MAJOR, MAJOR PROBLEM THERE, TOO, WHERE I LIVE AND THEY HAVE  
14 BANNED THEM OUT OF CERTAIN CITIES. THEY'RE NOT EVEN ALLOWED IN  
15 CERTAIN CITIES AND COUNTIES. SO THAT'S JUST...

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND. WE THANK YOU FOR COMING  
18 UP FROM...

19

20 **ELIZABETH HAMPTON:** I APPRECIATE IT FOR LETTING ME SPEAK AND I  
21 BROUGHT SOME PICTURES, IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE THEM.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE'S SOME PICTURES THAT THE  
24 SERGEANT SHOULD SHOW THE MEMBERS OF THE EVENT. HE'S ACCESSING  
25 PHOTOS AND THEN HE'LL BRING THE-- WHILE HE'S GOING THAT,



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1 DURING 2005, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 52 REPORTS OF INCIDENTS  
2 OF 117 DOGS ARE IDENTIFIED, OF WHICH 63 WERE PIT BULLS, 8 WERE  
3 ROTTWEILERS. DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE  
4 BEEN THREE DANGEROUSLY OR AGGRESSIVE DOGS INCIDENTS IN THE  
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY, TWO OF THEM INVOLVED PIT BULLS. AND THE  
6 DEPARTMENT HAS CONDUCTED COMMUNITY SWEEPS THROUGH THE COUNTY  
7 IN 19-- OR 2005, 221 ANIMALS AND THE ISSUANCE OF 62 CITATIONS  
8 TO ANIMAL OWNERS. THE LATEST SUCCESSFUL SWEEP OCCURRED IN  
9 LANCASTER AND PALMDALE ON JANUARY 12TH. OUR LETTER-- OUR  
10 OFFICE HAS RECEIVED MANY LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS IN SUPPORT  
11 AND WE'VE ALSO SEEN LETTERS-- LETTERS IN OPPOSITION TO THAT AS  
12 WELL. SO THIS MORNING, WE HAVE PEOPLE HERE WHO SUPPORT AND WE  
13 HAVE PEOPLE HERE WHO OPPOSE IT AS WELL AND WE'LL TAKE THAT  
14 TESTIMONY AND THEN WE'LL MAKE A DECISION. IS THERE ANY OTHER  
15 COMMENTS THAT EITHER OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE? JUST GIVE YOUR  
16 NAME BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

17  
18 **DONNA TERMEER:** I'M DONNA TERMEER. I'M FROM LANCASTER,  
19 CALIFORNIA. FIRST, I WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO MAYOR  
20 ANTONOVICH FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY TO SHARE MY MOTHER'S  
21 STORY AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO LISTEN TO  
22 THIS PLEA. WE SUPPORT THE STRENGTHENING OF PENALTIES FOR  
23 IRRESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS. AGAIN, I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF TODAY  
24 OF MY MOTHER, REBECCA CRANE, SHE IS A RESIDENT IN A VERY NICE  
25 ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD IN LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. SHE IS



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1 STILL TOO EMOTIONAL AS A VICTIM OF A PET ATTACK TO COME  
2 FORWARD AND SPEAK HERSELF. UNTIL AUGUST 15TH, 2005, MY MOM WAS  
3 A VERY YOUNG, HEALTHY AND PHYSICALLY FIT RETIREE THAT YOU  
4 WOULD BE VERY HARD-PRESSED TO CONSIDER A SENIOR CITIZEN. UNTIL  
5 THAT DAY, SHE ENJOYED EVENING WALKS WITH HER FRIENDS AND  
6 NEIGHBORS. UNTIL AUGUST 15TH, 2005, SHE TRULY EXPERIENCED A  
7 QUALITY OF LIFE THAT SHE HAD NO IDEA OF THE POSSIBILITY OF  
8 LOSING IT SO SENSELESSLY. THAT EVENING, WHEN MY MOM WENT TO  
9 TAKE HER WALK, A NEIGHBORHOOD DOG WAS OUT AS THE OWNER WAS  
10 TAKING OUT THEIR TRASH. THIS IS A MEDIUM-SIZED MIXED BREED DOG  
11 AND A DOG THAT HAD BEEN FAMILIAR WITH MY MOTHER FOR YEARS. SHE  
12 WENT TO STEP OFF THE CURB OF HER VERY OWN PROPERTY AND, FOR NO  
13 APPARENT REASON, THIS DOG LEAPED UP, BIT HER TWICE ON THE BACK  
14 OF THE LEG AND THEN CLAMPED DOWN ON THE OUTSIDE OF HER CALF,  
15 TAKING A LARGE CHUNK OF HER LEG WITH HIM. MY MOM SCREAMED FOR  
16 HELP AND THE OWNER CAME TO HER RESCUE, CALLING OFF THE DOG.  
17 AFTER BEING RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL AND EXPERIENCING A GREAT  
18 LOSS OF BLOOD, THERE WAS LITTLE THAT THEY COULD DO TO CLOSE  
19 THE WOUND BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO THE LEG. A FEW  
20 RANDOM STITCHES WERE MADE TO PULL TOGETHER SOME HANGING SKIN  
21 BUT THE WOUND WAS MASSIVE RAW MEAT AND DEEP TO THE MUSCLE.  
22 AFTER REMOVAL OF STITCHES AND WEEKS OF TREATING INFECTIONS, MY  
23 MOM WAS LEFT WITH A THREE TO FOUR-INCH HOLE IN HER LEG AND  
24 STILL IS IN SEVERE PAIN. SHE REMAINED BEDRIDDEN, AS DOCTORS  
25 ORDERED HER TO, BECAUSE OF THE SWELLING AND WAS FORCED INTO A



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1 DEEP DEPRESSION BECAUSE IT APPEARED THERE WAS GOING TO BE NO  
2 END TO THIS NIGHTMARE AS THEY TOLD HER SHE WOULD POSSIBLY FACE  
3 PLASTIC SURGERY. MY SISTER AND I WERE FORCED TO BECOME PATIENT  
4 ADVOCATES ON HER BEHALF TO GET EXTENDED CARE FROM HER H.M.O.,  
5 WHICH IS ANOTHER NIGHTMARE IN ITSELF, TO GET A WOUND  
6 SPECIALIST THAT COULD EXPEDITE THE HEALING OF THE CLOSURE OF  
7 THE WOUND. AS MY MOTHER LIVES ALONE, WE BECAME HER HOME  
8 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS MUCH EARLIER IN HER LIFE THAN WE EVER  
9 ANTICIPATED NEEDING TO DO. WE BECAME HER MEDICAL TRANSPORTS AS  
10 SHE COULD NOT WALK AND SHE COULD NOT DRIVE. DAILY, WE CHANGED  
11 HER BLOOD- ADHERED BANDAGES AND TREATED THIS OPEN WOUND AS WE  
12 WERE INSTRUCTED BY THE DOCTORS, WHILE HAVING TO STILL WATCH  
13 FOR THE SERIOUSNESS OF ANOTHER INFECTION. WE WITNESSED HER  
14 EXPERIENCING EXCRUCIATING PAIN ON A WEEKLY BASIS AS THEY  
15 SCRAPED THE WOUND AND THE BACTERIA AS IT BUILT UP. WE WATCHED,  
16 BY HER SIDE, AS SHE NEARLY PASSED OUT FROM PAIN EVERY TIME SHE  
17 ATTEMPTED TO STAND, WEEK AFTER WEEK AND EVENTUALLY MONTH AFTER  
18 MONTH. MY MOTHER HAS ALWAYS HAD A VERY POSITIVE SPIRIT AND  
19 ENDLESS ENERGY. THROUGH THIS, SHE HAS BEEN FACED WITH HER OWN  
20 MORTALITY AS HER AGE DEMANDED A VERY SLOW HEALING PROCESS.  
21 WHILE SHE'S EXTREMELY THANKFUL TO STILL HAVE HER LEG, MY MOM  
22 IS RESENTFUL THAT SHE WILL NEVER KNOW LIFE AS SHE KNEW IT  
23 BEFORE HIS HORRIFIC EVENT. THIS ONE EVENT HAS STOLEN YEARS  
24 FROM HER AND I THINK AS OUR FAMILY THAT'S BEEN THE HARDEST  
25 PART OF THE ORDEAL IS WATCHING THE TERRIBLE TOLL THAT IT HAS





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1 TAKEN ON THIS ONE VERY VIBRANT LIFE. I WATCHED AN ACTIVE,  
2 BEAUTIFUL WOMAN DETERIORATE TO FRAIL AND FEARFUL. THIS WAS NOT  
3 JUST AN ATTACK ON HER BODY BUT HER MIND AND SPIRIT. SHE HAS  
4 LOST COMFORTS THAT WE ALL TAKE FOR GRANTED, THE COMFORT OF  
5 GETTING UP AND WALKING WITHOUT PAIN, THE COMFORT OF SPENDING  
6 THE DAY IN ACTIVITY WITHOUT TIRING IMMEDIATELY, THE COMFORT OF  
7 THE FREEDOM OF ENJOYING WALKS IN HER OWN NEIGHBORHOOD WITHOUT  
8 FEAR IN WHAT SHE HAS ALWAYS KNOWN AS A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD. MY  
9 MOM HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON  
10 AND I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT, THROUGH THIS ORDEAL, IT HAS  
11 BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO CHAMPION HER INTO BELIEVING THAT THIS  
12 LIFE-ALTERING EVENT HAPPENED FOR A REASON, THAT THE END OF HER  
13 QUALITY OF LIFE HAPPENED FOR A REASON. AS SHE TRIES TO MAKE  
14 SENSE OUT OF THIS, SOMETIMES IT JUST MAKES HER FEEL BETTER TO  
15 BELIEVE THAT SHE TOOK THIS FALL FOR ANOTHER SMALL CHILD THAT  
16 PLAYS IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD. IT COULD HAVE BEEN HER GREAT-  
17 GRANDCHILD, MY ONLY GRANDCHILD, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE YARD WITH  
18 HER MINUTES BEFORE THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED. MAYBE THE REASON IS  
19 SIMPLY FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY AND PLEAD TO YOU TO ENCOURAGE  
20 STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS AND TO CREATE MANDATES  
21 AND ORDINANCES FOR RESPONSIBLE ACTIONS OUT OF PET OWNERS. IT  
22 IS THE REASON SIMPLY THAT WE WANT YOU TO HEAR OUR CALL TO  
23 ACTION. WE URGE YOU TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT OF OUR CURRENT  
24 LAWS AND TO WORK TO CREATE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ENFORCE



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1 ORDINANCES THAT WILL AFFECT THIS PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT AND  
2 INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE  
5 TO-- OKAY. LET ME JUST ALSO SAY THE TOWN COUNCIL-- WE HAVE,  
6 FROM THE LATE LITTLE ROCK TOWN COUNCIL LEND THEIR SUPPORT; THE  
7 ROOSEVELT RURAL TOWN COUNCIL IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, LANCASTER,  
8 THEIR SUPPORT; LAKE LOS ANGELES TOWN COUNCIL'S SUPPORT; A  
9 LETTER FROM VAL VERDE ASSOCIATION, I BELIEVE IT IS, LETTER OF  
10 SUPPORT. SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCILS FROM THE  
11 SANTA CLARITA, ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE  
12 BOARD'S ACTION TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, THE ACTION TODAY IS THAT WE  
13 WOULD DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO-- WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO DRAFT  
14 THE ORDINANCE AND REPORT BACK WITH THE ORDINANCE FOR A VOTE ON  
15 FEBRUARY 15TH, SO TODAY IS MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
16 COUNTY COUNSEL FOR THAT ACTION BUT THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN  
17 AND OUR SYMPATHIES AGAIN TO YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER AND TO YOUR  
18 DAUGHTER AND YOUR FAMILY. OKAY, THOSE WHO OPPOSE THAT, LET ME  
19 CALL THEM UP AT THIS TIME, IS LOREN CHIEVER, KYM DELISI,  
20 JENNIFER FREILICH. AND JUST BEFORE YOU SPEAK, JUST GIVE YOUR  
21 NAME FOR THE RECORD. GOOD MORNING.

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23 **JENNIFER FREILICH:** THANKS.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHOEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST.



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2 **JENNIFER FREILICH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JENNIFER FREILICH,  
3 AND I'M THE OWNER OF "AT THE END OF YOUR LEASH" DOG TRAINING.  
4 I HAVE SPECIALIZED IN THE TRAINING OF ALL BREEDS FOR ALMOST 10  
5 YEARS NOW. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN FOR THE BREED-  
6 SPECIFIC LAWS. DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN BIT OR  
7 ATTACKED BY AS MANY COCKER SPANIELS AND DALMATIANS AS ANY  
8 OTHER BREED OUT THERE. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO ALSO KNOW THAT  
9 I HAVE 100% SUCCESS RATE IN REHABILITATING AGGRESSIVE DOGS OF  
10 ALL BREEDS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER HOLDING ALL  
11 BREEDS EQUAL AND ALL BREED OWNERS EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR  
12 THEIR ACTIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GENERIC DANGEROUS DOG LAWS  
13 ENFORCED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU ALSO CONSIDER MAKING  
14 OBEDIENCE TRAINING MANDATORY FOR ALL DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS IN  
15 ORDER TO TEACH RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP SO THESE TYPES OF  
16 SITUATIONS SHOULD NEVER, EVER OCCUR AGAIN. THIS COULD BE AS  
17 MANDATORY AS LICENSING FOR ALL DOGS. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE  
18 TO ADD THAT I HAVE HELPED MANY ROTTWEILER AND PIT BULL OWNERS  
19 ACHIEVE CANINE GOOD CITIZEN CERTIFICATES THROUGH THE AMERICAN  
20 KENNEL CLUB AND THERAPY DOG TITLES. THESE THERAPY DOGS,  
21 ROTTWEILERS AND PIT BULLS, HAVE GONE INTO MANY HOSPITALS,  
22 CHILDREN'S CANCER WARDS AND HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AT  
23 HELPING THEM FEEL A BIT MORE COMFORTABLE IN THEIR TIME OF  
24 NEED. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY  
25 TO COME BEFORE YOU TODAY AND EXPRESS MY CONCERNS IN REGARD TO



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1 THE BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS. I ALSO HAVE PICTURES, IF YOU GUYS--  
2 IF I MAY PASS THESE AROUND, OF MY OWN ROTTWEILER WITH CHILDREN  
3 AND IN PUBLIC GOING INTO STORES AS A THERAPY DOG.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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7 **JENNIFER FREILICH:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **KYM DELISI:** HI.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME-- LET ME CALL THE NEXT PERSON  
14 UP. LERI HANSON. YOU'LL GET YOUR PICTURES BACK AS SOON AS HE  
15 GIVES THEM BACK. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **KYM DELISI:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I CAN HEAR YOU.

20

21 **KYM DELISI:** OKAY. MY NAME IS KYM DELISI, I LIVE IN LAKE LOS  
22 ANGELES. I'VE LIVED OUT THERE FOR 30 YEARS AND I'VE DONE A LOT  
23 OF UNOFFICIAL RESCUE OF PITS, ROTT MIXES, ET CETERA, PEOPLE  
24 DUMP THEM OUT IN THE DESERT. I RAISED FOUR CHILDREN BY MYSELF.  
25 I'VE NEVER HAD ONE DOG BITE. WELL, I TAKE THAT BACK. I HAD ONE



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1 DOG BITE AND THAT WAS A COLLIE TRYING TO CHASE MY DAUGHTER'S  
2 CAT. SO, IN ANY CASE, I'D LIKE TO READ THIS TO YOU. I AM  
3 AGAINST BREED-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION. I AM FOR VERY STRICT,  
4 GENERAL LEGISLATION. PIT BULLS, WE REFER TO, ARE REALLY THREE  
5 BREEDS OF DOGS AND MIXED BREEDS OF DOGS, THEY'RE NOT ONE TYPE  
6 OF DOG AND IT WOULD BE VERY HARD TO TELL WHICH ONE WAS MORE  
7 LABRADOR AND MORE PIT BULL. I AM A SCIENTIST AND I BELIEVE  
8 THAT YOU FIRST NEED TO DEFINE YOUR PROBLEM. ORIGINALLY, THIS  
9 BREED-SPECIFIC LAW STARTED OUT AS A BAN AND THEN IT TURNED  
10 INTO SPAY AND NEUTER. SO WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO SOLVE? ARE WE  
11 TRYING TO FIX OVER- POPULATION OR ARE WE TRYING TO FIX  
12 DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO DO BOTH.

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16 **KYM DELISI:** BOTH, THAT'S RIGHT. AND SO, ANYWAY, I-- I FEEL  
17 THAT, WHEN YOU'RE DEFINING A PROBLEM, THAT YOU NEED TO ANALYZE  
18 WHAT YOUR OPTIONS ARE AND ILLINOIS HAS A VERY GOOD DANGEROUS  
19 DOG LAW CALLED RYAN'S LAW. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY'S EVER  
20 REFERENCED IT BUT IT HAS VERY BIG PENALTIES, IT'S BECOME VERY  
21 EFFECTIVE. I WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO LOOK INTO THAT. IT'S  
22 GENERALIST LAW, IT'S NOT BREED-SPECIFIC. IT HOLDS DOG OWNERS  
23 RESPONSIBLE, FINANCIALLY AND CRIMINALLY, FOR ATTACKS ON PEOPLE  
24 AND COMPANION ANIMALS. ACCORDING TO THE L.A. COUNTY ANIMAL  
25 CONTROL LETTERS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OVER THE LAST



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1 YEAR, L.A. HAS A STRONG DANGEROUS DOG LAW ALREADY. THEY ARE  
2 LACKING-- WHAT THEY ARE LACKING, ACCORDING TO THEM IS ENOUGH  
3 MONEY TO HAVE ENOUGH STAFF FOR PROPER PATROLLING,  
4 INVESTIGATING AND EDUCATING NEIGHBORHOODS WITH PROBLEMS. WHERE  
5 CAN THE PUBLIC ATTAIN DOG BITE STATISTICS? I COULDN'T FIND  
6 THEM, FOR THE COUNTY. HAVING SAID ALL THIS, POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS  
7 THAT ARE GENERALIST WOULD BE SPAY/NEUTER ALL MIXED BREEDS.  
8 THERE'S NO REASON FOR MIXED BREEDS OF ANY TYPE TO BE INTACT.  
9 HOWEVER, THE DOG SHOW HOBBY BREEDERS AND ENTHUSIASTS, THEY  
10 CANNOT SHOW THEIR ANIMALS. YOU CANNOT GET A PUREBRED DOG  
11 RAISED IN SOMEBODY'S KITCHEN, WHICH IS EXPOSED TO CHILDREN AND  
12 NOISES IN THE HOUSE AND WILL TURN INTO A GREAT THERAPY DOG IF  
13 YOU OUTLAW HOBBY BREEDING OF ROTTWEILERS AND PIT BULLS. PLEASE  
14 CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES AND FOCUS ON EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE  
15 TRYING TO SOLVE. DON'T BREAK THREE THINGS TRYING TO FIX ONE  
16 THING. I ALSO WANT TO LIVE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND I WOULD  
17 LIKE TO SAY ANOTHER THING, BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE WENT A LITTLE  
18 LONG, I WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF A PANEL OF DOG PEOPLE AND  
19 LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS TO WORK ON WRITING SOUND, FAIR,  
20 EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION. PEOPLE ON THE FRONT LINES WILL KNOW  
21 BEST WHAT WILL WORK. WE ALL WANT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS. TWO PIT  
22 BULLS WERE KILLED LAST WEEK IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND I WAS GLAD.  
23 THEY WERE VICIOUS ANIMALS. WE HAD CALLED THE ANIMAL CONTROL  
24 MANY, MANY, MANY, MANY TIMES AND THEY ALWAYS WOULD COME OUT,  
25 THE DOGS WEREN'T RUNNING LOOSE, SO THEY WOULD LEAVE. AND I





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1 THINK THEY NEED MORE STAFFING AND I THINK WE HAVE THE LAWS WE  
2 ALREADY NEED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WE INCREASED, WITH FOUR ADDITIONAL  
5 PEOPLE, AS YOU KNOW, AND WE JUST HAD THAT RECENT SWEEP.

6

7 **KYM DELISI:** THAT'S RIGHT. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING ALONG  
8 THE LINES OF THE RESIDENT DEPUTY PROGRAM. WE HAVE A GREAT  
9 RESIDENT DEPUTY PROGRAM IN LAKE LOS ANGELES. I'D LIKE TO HAVE  
10 SOMETHING SIMILAR LIKE THAT IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL WORLD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THE TESTIMONY FROM TODAY'S  
13 HEARING WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT AND  
14 THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND YOUR POINT RELATIVE TO RESIDENT DEPUTY  
15 FOR ANIMAL CONTROL IS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE BECAUSE WE HAVE SUCH A  
16 PROGRAM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE IT FOR THE PROBATION  
17 DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE IT FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND  
18 PERHAPS WE COULD DO SOMETHING COMPARABLE HERE. SO THAT'S  
19 SOMETHING THAT WE WILL HAVE THE DEPARTMENT...

20

21 **KYM DELISI:** I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO VOLUNTEER ANY OF MY TIME  
22 TO ANY KIND OF COMMITTEES.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. OKAY. YES, SIR.  
25 LET ME CALL UP SHERI GRANT. YES, SIR.



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2 **LOREN CHIEVER:** HI. MR. ANTONOVICH AND THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF

3 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LOREN CHIEVER. I AM FROM COLTON,

4 CALIFORNIA. I ATTENDED YOUR BOARD MEETING TODAY BECAUSE I AM

5 CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED DOG LEGISLATION AND THE PRECEDENT

6 IT SETS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN

7 ABOUT DOG BITES AND VICIOUS DOGS. IT IS MY OPINION THAT

8 SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ELIMINATE THE BITES AND DANGERS.

9 IT IS ALSO MY OPINION THAT SPAYING AND NEUTERING ANY BREED OF

10 DOG IS GOING TO DO LITTLE TO ELIMINATE THE DOG BITES, AND TO

11 SINGLE OUT ANY DOG FOR SPAYING AND NEUTERING IS GOING TO DO

12 LITTLE TO CHANGE THE STATISTICS. PIT BULLS AND ROTTWEILERS ARE

13 TWO OF ALMOST 200 BREEDS OF DOGS AND POSSIBLY CONSTITUTE 5% OF

14 THE TOTAL DOG POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OF THE 500

15 FATAL DOG BITES IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1965, THERE HAVE

16 BEEN 30 DIFFERENT BREEDS RESPONSIBLE, FROM ROTTWEILERS AND PIT

17 BULLS TO THE SMALL POMERANIAN THAT MAULED A SIX-WEEK OLD BABY

18 TO DEATH IN LOS ANGELES IN OCTOBER OF 2000. MY POINT IS TO

19 SINGLE OUT ANY BREED TO SPAY AND NEUTER IS NOT THE ANSWER.

20 ENFORCING THE LICENSING LAWS THAT ARE ALREADY ON THE BOOKS

21 WOULD BE A GOOD STARTING POINT, AS WELL AS HELPING TO FILL THE

22 BANK ACCOUNT OF THE COUNTY. IN MY CITY, AN INTACT DOG IS \$50

23 PER YEAR TO LICENSE. A SPAYED/NEUTERED DOG IS \$15, A LOSS TO

24 THE CITY OF \$35 PER DOG. I BELIEVE MANY DOG LAWS ARE OLD AND

25 OUTDATED AND NEW LAWS ARE NEEDED TO FIT THE POPULATION IN



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1 TIMES WE LIVE IN TODAY. A GENERIC BREED LAW THAT REQUIRES ANY  
2 LOOSE DOG PICKED UP BY ANIMAL CONTROL TO BE POSITIVELY  
3 IDENTIFIED BY EITHER A MICROCHIP OR A TATTOO AND TO BE SPAYED  
4 OR NEUTERED BEFORE BEING RETURNED TO THE OWNER AT THEIR  
5 EXPENSE WOULD GO A LONG WAY IN CONTROLLING LOOSE DOGS, CUT  
6 DOWN ON BITES AND GIVE ANIMAL CONTROL MORE TIME TO CHECK  
7 LICENSES. I UNDERSTAND THE BOARD'S CONCERN ABOUT DOG BITES AND  
8 ANIMAL CONTROL BUT TO TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS OF PART OF YOUR  
9 PEOPLE TO OWN A BREED OF SHOW-- PARDON ME. I'M GETTING  
10 NERVOUS. BUT TO TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS OF PART OF YOUR PEOPLE TO  
11 OWN, BREED OR SHOW THE DOG OF THEIR CHOICE SEEMS WRONG TO ME.  
12 I THINK MAKING ALL OF YOUR PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR  
13 ACTIONS AND THE ACTIONS OF THEIR DOGS, NO MATTER THE BREED, IS  
14 A MORE RESPONSIBLE ACTION. IN SUMMARY, EFFECTIVE ANIMAL  
15 CONTROL IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND MUST BE ADDRESSED IN  
16 A FAIR AND CONSISTENT MANNER. DOGS AND DOG BEHAVIOR ARE THE  
17 SAME ACROSS THE COUNTRY. A SET OF MODERN, STANDARDIZED AND  
18 EFFECTIVE LAWS RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS,  
19 COMBINED WITH FAIR AND CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT WILL ENSURE A  
20 SAFE AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE FOR DOGS OF ALL BREEDS AND ALL  
21 HUMANS. THANK YOU.

22  
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP SHAY TUTTLE.  
24 SHAY? OKAY. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE. YOU'RE ON.



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1   **LERI HANSON:** MY NAME IS LERI HANSON, I'M FROM LONG BEACH,  
2   CALIFORNIA. I'M NOT QUITE AS PREPARED AS SOME OF THE OTHER  
3   SPEAKERS BUT I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF AND HOPEFULLY GET MY POINT  
4   ACROSS. I'M A FOUNDING MEMBER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
5   WORKING PIT BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA. WE'RE A FULL SISTER  
6   CLUB OF THE AMERICAN WORKING DOG FEDERATION. I'M ALSO A  
7   REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE  
8   TERRIERS. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE BREED FOR OVER 20 YEARS.  
9   I COMPETE REGIONALLY AND NATIONALLY WITH MY DOGS. I'M  
10   CONTRACTED WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AS A K-9 SAFETY  
11   CONSULTANT, TEACHING THEIR FIELD SERVICE PERSONNEL DOG BITE  
12   PREVENTION, HOW TO MINIMIZE A BITE IN THE EVENT THAT THEY ARE  
13   BITTEN. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP. I  
14   RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE OVERPOPULATION OF DOGS, OF  
15   ANIMALS IN GENERAL, AND I ALSO FEEL FOR THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE  
16   BEEN VICTIMIZED BY IRRESPONSIBLE OWNERS FOR THEIR DOGS RUNNING  
17   LOOSE AND HAVING TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES. I BELIEVE IT'S  
18   IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT PIT BULLS AND PIT BULL-TYPE DOGS  
19   ARE VERY POPULAR AMONGST INCONSIDERATE AND IRRESPONSIBLE  
20   OWNERS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY ARE ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR BREEDS  
21   AND ONE OF THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A  
22   SUGGESTION FOR CONSIDERATION IF YOU DO THE SPAY/NEUTER, THAT  
23   YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF LENIENCY TOWARDS OWNERS WHO ARE ABLE TO  
24   PRODUCE CERTIFICATION OF OBEDIENCE, TEMPERAMENT TESTING, K-9  
25   GOOD CITIZEN, ANY TYPE OF WORKING TITLE, FOR THOSE OF US WHO



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1 TAKE OUR DOGS SERIOUSLY. AND THAT WOULD GIVE US THE  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO NOT LIMIT US FROM OUR COMPETITIONS. THAT'S IT  
3 FOR ME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DARRYL HOUSER. DARRYL  
6 HOUSER. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

7

8 **SHERI GRANT:** YES. I'M SHERI GRANT FROM COLTON AND I AM VERY  
9 ILL PREPARED FOR THIS. IT CAME AT THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT BUT I  
10 JUMPED IN MY CAR AND CAME DOWN HERE TO HELP SUPPORT MY FRIENDS  
11 IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THIS AND MY OPPOSITION, ALSO. I'M GOING  
12 TO DEFER TO SEVERAL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN UP HERE. THEY  
13 HAVE A LOT OF STATISTICS AND A LOT OF DATA AND I AGREE WITH  
14 IT. I'VE BEEN A HANDLER, OWNER AND BREEDER OF ROTTWEILERS FOR  
15 ALMOST 20 YEARS. THESE DOGS-- AND I'M VERY EMOTIONAL ABOUT  
16 THIS. I LOVE THESE DOGS AND I FEEL VERY BADLY FOR PEOPLE THAT  
17 HAVE SUFFERED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND EVENTS BUT THESE  
18 DOGS ARE MISUNDERSTOOD AND, IN THE HANDS OF THE WRONG PEOPLE,  
19 THE IRRESPONSIBLE BREEDERS, THEY ARE CAUSING US TO BE IN THIS  
20 SITUATION NOW, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING  
21 WE WORKED FOR, EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE STRIVED FOR AND ALL OF  
22 OUR COMPETITIONS, ALL OF OUR SHOWINGS. ..(VOICE WAVERING)...  
23 SORRY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUST RELAX.



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2 **SHERI GRANT:** YEAH BUT, AGAIN, I'VE-- I'VE HAD THESE DOGS FOR  
3 20 YEARS. I'VE NEVER HAD AN INCIDENT. I RAISED MY FAMILY WITH  
4 THEM AND WE ARE IN THE PUBLIC ALL THE TIME WITH THE DOGS. I  
5 WAS AT A SHOW OVER THE WEEKEND. MANY OLDER WOMEN IN THEIR  
6 HANDICAPPED VEHICLES WERE STOPPING BY, HUGGING THE DOGS AND WE  
7 WERE RIGHT AROUND ALL THE LITTLE DACHSHUNDS AND SMALL BREEDS.  
8 THEY CAN BE WONDERFUL DOGS IF THEY ARE TRAINED PROPERLY AND IF  
9 BREEDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE IN PLACING THEIR ANIMALS IN  
10 RESPONSIBLE HOMES. AND THAT'S REALLY BASICALLY WHAT I'VE COME  
11 HERE TO SAY AND BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS ARE NOT THE ANSWER AND IT  
12 ISN'T FAIR TO THOSE OF US WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY  
13 MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MARTHA SALAZAR. MARTHA?  
16 OKAY. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

17

18 **SHAY TUTTLE:** MY NAME IS SHAY TUTTLE AND I AM ON THE BOARD OF  
19 DIRECTORS OF THE TRI VALLEY WORKING DOG CLUB. I'VE BEEN  
20 INVOLVED IN THE SPORT OF PUREBRED DOGS NOW FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS  
21 NOW. I DO OBEDIENCE, I DO CONFIRMATION, WE DO HERDING TRIALS.  
22 SOME OF MY DOGS HAVE BEEN THERAPY DOGS. THEY HAVE BEEN  
23 ASSISTANCE DOGS. WITHOUT PEOPLE WHO BREED GOOD DOGS, WE'RE  
24 GOING TO LOSE THE ABILITY TO HAVE DOGS THAT WORK. I AM VERY  
25 MUCH AGAINST BREED-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION. I DO BELIEVE THAT WE





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1 NEED A GENERIC DOG LAW FOR AGGRESSIVE DOGS AND IT IS-- I THINK  
2 IT IS ON THE BOOKS ALREADY AND, IF THEY WERE ENFORCED, WE  
3 WOULD BE NOT LOOKING AT BREED-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION. IT'S NOT  
4 GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IF A DOG GETS LOOSE OUT THERE THAT  
5 BITES. THAT HAS-- IT'S THE PERSON WHO OWNS THAT DOG WHO IS  
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DOG'S BEHAVIOR. IT'S NOT THE DOG. SO WHO  
7 OWNS THIS DOG SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR DOG'S  
8 ACTIONS. THE DOG CAN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BECAUSE IT DOESN'T  
9 KNOW THAT IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO DO THAT. IF YOU DON'T SOCIALIZE  
10 YOUR DOG, IF YOU DON'T TRAIN YOUR DOG, THEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR  
11 PROBLEMS. YOU KNOW, FIRSTLY, IF I'M GOING TO SELL A PUPPY TO  
12 SOMEBODY, THEY'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH, LIKE, THREE OR FOUR  
13 INTERVIEWS, WE DO HOME CHECKS, WE MAKE SURE THE DOG IS  
14 OBEDIENCE TRAINED AND RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE TO RESPONSIVE  
15 PEOPLE. AND, FOR ME, IF YOU'RE GOING TO OWN THESE DOGS, YOU  
16 MUST BE RESPONSIBLE. YOU CANNOT-- I CAN'T MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE  
17 FOR MY DOG'S ACTIONS. PENALIZING PEOPLE WHO CARE AND WORK AND  
18 TRAIN THEIR DOGS IS NOT FAIR. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES.

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22 **DARRYL HOUSER:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND OTHER  
23 COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MY NAME IS DARRYL HOUSER. I AM HERE IT  
24 TODAY TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE PROPOSAL OF THE MANDATORY  
25 SPAY/NEUTER OF SPECIFIC BREEDS. I AM REPRESENTING A NUMBER OF



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1 DOG AND ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS TODAY. I OWN A DOG AND CAT BOARD  
2 FACILITY IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. I AM AN AVID PARTICIPANT OF THE  
3 SPORT OF DOG SHOWS. I HAVE BEEN HANDLING SHOW DOGS FOR 30  
4 YEARS. I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF A NUMBER OF KENNEL CLUBS, BOTH  
5 AT THE LOCAL AND BREED PARENT LEVEL. MANY OF MY ORGANIZATIONS  
6 HAVE MEMBERS WHO KEEP AND CHERISH SOME OF THE BREEDS THAT  
7 WOULD BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL AS IT CURRENTLY  
8 IS WRITTEN. WE ARE NOT ALONE IN OUR OPPOSITION TO BREED-  
9 SPECIFIC LEGISLATION. ALONG WITH THE N.A.I.A. AND CALIFORNIA  
10 KENNEL CLUBS, NEARLY ALL OF THE RESPECTED NATIONAL ANIMAL  
11 ORGANIZATIONS, FROM THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TO THE AMERICAN  
12 VETERINARY AND MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL ANIMAL  
13 CONTROL ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION  
14 OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND THE AMERICAN DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
15 AND THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS THAT REPRESENT OVER  
16 400 CLUBS IN THE UNITED STATES ALSO OPPOSE BREED-SPECIFIC  
17 LEGISLATION AND THE REASON THEY DO IS SIMPLE. BREED-SPECIFIC  
18 LEGISLATION NOT ONLY DOESN'T WORK, IT ACTUALLY COMPLICATES  
19 EFFORTS TO SOLVE DANGEROUS DOG PROBLEMS. BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS  
20 ARE DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE TO ENFORCE. THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC  
21 TEST THAT CAN DIFFERENTIATE BREED DOG-- DOG BREEDS AND MIXES,  
22 SO IDENTIFICATION IS PURELY SUBJECTIVE. BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS DO  
23 NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE MAJORITY OF DOGS OF ANY BREED  
24 OR MIX ARE NOT DANGEROUS TO THE COMMUNITY. BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS  
25 ATTRACT CRIMINALS TO BREEDS THAT ARE PORTRAYED AS AGGRESSIVE,



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1 REGARDLESS OF THEIR ACTUAL TEMPERAMENT OR HISTORICAL WORK.  
2 BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS FORCE PET OWNERS TO GIVE UP THEIR BELOVED  
3 FAMILY PET. BREEDS-SPECIFIC DOGS INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DOGS  
4 RELINQUISHED TO THE SHELTERS. BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS ALSO THEY DO  
5 NOT ADDRESS THE PROBLEM AS IN THE MAJORITY OF INCIDENTS RESULT  
6 FROM VIOLATIONS OF OTHER ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS SUCH AS RUNNING  
7 LOOSE OR IMPROPER CONTROLS OR CONFINEMENT, OR FROM THE FAILURE  
8 OF PROPERLY SUPERVISED CHILDREN AND DOGS. BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS  
9 GIVE PEOPLE A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY BY CATEGORIZING CERTAIN  
10 DOGS AS VICIOUS, THEREBY IMPLYING THAT DOGS OF OTHER BREEDS  
11 AND MIXES ARE SAFE. BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS ARE UNFAIR TO THE  
12 THOUSANDS OF RESPONSIBLE OWNERS OF TARGETED BREEDS AND MIXES  
13 AND TO THE DOGS THAT ARE TREASURED FAMILY PETS, VALUED SHOW  
14 DOGS AND PERFORMANCE DOGS, WORKING PARTNERS IN SEARCH AND  
15 RESCUE, THERAPY DOGS OR PARTICIPANTS IN OTHER ASPECTS OF  
16 CANINE HUMAN INTERACTION. THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT WANT LAWS  
17 THAT WILL HOLD IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE  
18 PROBLEMS THEIR DOGS CAUSE. THIS IS TRUE WHETHER THE PROBLEM IS  
19 NUISANCE BARKING OR OFF-LEASH MENACING BUT ONLY LAWS THAT DRAW  
20 A MEANINGFUL DISTINCTION BETWEEN OWNERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE  
21 AND ONES WHO ARE NOT WILL LEAD TO AN IMPROVEMENT WE ALL SEEK.  
22 ONLY AN ORDINANCE THAT PENALIZES THE LAW BREAKERS WITHOUT  
23 ASSAILING DOG LOVERS WHO RESPONSIBLY CARE FOR THEIR DOGS WILL  
24 SUCCEED. THEREFORE, WE ARE IN FAVOR OF LAWS THAT TARGET HIGH-  
25 RISK CONDUCT AND WITH ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES WOULD BE EXCELLENT



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1 ADDITION TO THE FIGHT TO REDUCE DANGEROUS DOGS IN OUR  
2 COMMUNITY. MANY OF THE GROUPS I REPRESENT HAVE EXTENSIVE  
3 EXPERIENCE IN HELPING COMMUNITIES SOLVE DANGEROUS DOG  
4 PROBLEMS. THEY'VE CONTRIBUTED TO SCORES OF BILLS AND  
5 ORDINANCES AND PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS WORKSHOPS. WE OFFER  
6 YOU OUR SUPPORT YOU IN HELPING YOU DRAFT DANGEROUS DOG  
7 LEGISLATIONS THAT WILL ACHIEVE THE GOALS YOU SEEK. WE WILL  
8 SUPPORT PASSAGE OF A BILL THAT ENABLE US ALL TO REDUCE THE  
9 NUMBER OF TRULY DANGEROUS DOGS AND OWNERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
10 WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS TO  
11 KEEP AND PROPERLY CARE FOR THE BREED OF OUR CHOICE. AND I ALSO  
12 WANTED TO STATE, IF I COULD, PLEASE, OF THE 62 DOGS IN THE  
13 LAKE LOS ANGELES SWEEP, ONLY TWO WERE PIT BULLS AND THERE WERE  
14 NO ROTTWEILERS. I WANTED TO END, IF I COULD PLEASE ON A QUOTE.  
15 "YOU DO NOT EXAMINE LEGISLATION IN THE LIGHT OF BENEFIT THAT  
16 WILL CONVEY IF PROPERLY ADMINISTERED BUT IN THE LIGHT OF  
17 WRONGS IT WOULD DO AND THE HARM IT WOULD CAUSE IF IMPROPERLY  
18 ADMINISTERED." THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES.

21  
22 **MARTHA SALAZAR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARTHA SALAZAR. I'M A  
23 MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB, THE GOLDEN STATE  
24 ROTTWEILER CLUB AND I'VE OWNED, BRED AND SHOWN ROTTWEILERS FOR  
25 MORE THAN 20 YEARS. IN AGREEMENT WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE



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1 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS, THE RESPONSIBLE OWNER IS BEING  
2 PENALIZED HERE. TO ME, I AM NOT AWARE OF ALL THE  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS, BUT IT SEEMS THAT IT'S VERY  
4 BLANKETED. RESPONSIBLE OWNERS, BREEDERS, WE HAVE CONTRACTS.  
5 WHEN WE SELL OUR PUPPIES, THEY GO TO HOMES AND THESE CONTRACTS  
6 STIPULATE THAT THEY MUST BE OBEDIENCE TRAINED PROBABLY BETWEEN  
7 FIVE AND SEVEN MONTHS OF AGE, AND SOCIALIZED. I'D LIKE TO HAVE  
8 A STATISTIC, ACTUALLY, OF THE BITES BY ROTTWEILERS OR PIT  
9 BULLS AND WHAT TYPE OF BREEDERS THEY'VE BEEN SOLD BY. AS I  
10 SAID, I FEEL WE'RE-- RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS ARE BEING PENALIZED.  
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MARSHA MAYEDA.

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15 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS. WE HEARD A LOT OF CONCERNS TODAY ON A NUMBER OF  
17 FEARS OF WHAT MIGHT BE COMING OUT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND MY  
18 PURPOSE IS TO TELL YOU THE PLANS THAT WE HAVE TO BE  
19 RECOMMENDING BACK TO YOU IN TWO WEEKS. FIRST OF ALL, WE WOULD  
20 EXEMPT ANY LEGITIMATE DOG BREEDERS AND SHOW PEOPLE FROM THIS  
21 ORDINANCE. THEY WOULD BUY A BREEDER'S LICENSE TO DO THE  
22 BREEDING AND SO FORTH IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR ANIMALS INTACT.  
23 SO THE PEOPLE HERE TODAY THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND FROM THEIR  
24 CONVERSATIONS HAVE TOLD US ARE RESPONSIBLE DOG BREEDERS, THEY  
25 WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITH THE HOBBY AND SPORT THAT



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1 THEY'VE BEEN ENGAGING IN. THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE THAT  
2 WE'LL BE RECOMMENDING IS TO REDUCE OVERPOPULATION OF CERTAIN  
3 DOG BREEDS IN OUR SHELTERS THAT ARE OVERWHELMING OUR STAFF AND  
4 OUR RESOURCES. THE TWO BREEDS THAT WE IDENTIFIED, THE PIT  
5 BULLS AND ROTTWEILERS, ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN  
6 OUR SHELTERS AND TAKE VALUABLE CAGE SPACE AWAY FROM OTHER  
7 ANIMALS THAT COULD BE HELD LONGER FOR ADOPTION. PIT BULLS AND  
8 ROTTWEILERS ARE HOUSED INDIVIDUALLY IN OUR SHELTERS. THEY DO  
9 NOT SHARE CAGES WITH OTHER DOG BREEDS BECAUSE THEY MAY FIGHT  
10 AND SERIOUSLY INJURE OR KILL ANOTHER ANIMAL. SO, IN FACT, THEY  
11 TAKE UP THE SPACE OF TWO OTHER DOGS AND WHAT THAT DOES IS THAT  
12 JUST STRAINS OUR RESOURCES. THE LAWS THAT ARE IN PLACE FOR  
13 DANGEROUS DOGS ARE VERY SATISFACTORY TO US. WE DID A COMPLETE  
14 REVIEW OF THE DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCES IN 2000. WE HAVE VERY  
15 STRICT LAWS ON THE BOOKS. EVERY TIME WE'VE HAD A DANGEROUS DOG  
16 CASE, WE'VE BEEN HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL WITH THE PROSECUTION AND  
17 THE RESULTS. THE ANIMALS ARE ALWAYS SPAYED AND NEUTERED,  
18 THEY'RE MICROCHIPPED, THEY'RE RESTRICTED AS FAR AS HOW THEY  
19 CAN COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC. SOMETIMES THE OWNERS  
20 SURRENDER THE ANIMAL, SOMETIMES THEY HAVE THEM EUTHANIZED. OUR  
21 LAWS ARE WORKING. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THESE BREEDS ARE JUST  
22 OVERREPRESENTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, INTO OUR  
23 SHELTERS, WHERE THEY'RE JUST OVERWHELMING RESOURCES. I CAN  
24 TELL YOU FROM THE ATTACKS THAT WE'VE HAD OVER THE LAST NUMBER  
25 OF YEARS, VERY, VERY FEW OF THOSE ANIMALS HAD BEEN SPAYED OR





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1 NEUTERED AS WELL. SPAYING AND NEUTERING GREATLY REDUCES THE  
2 CHANCE OF AGGRESSION IN AN ANIMAL, SO THIS COULD HAVE A  
3 POSITIVE IMPACT ON REDUCING PUBLIC SAFETY PROBLEMS. THE  
4 ANIMALS THAT ARE COMING INTO OUR SHELTER ARE PREDOMINANTLY  
5 MIXES OR POORLY-BRED EXAMPLES OF THE BREEDS THAT WE HAVE  
6 IDENTIFIED AS THE MOST PROBLEMATIC, THE PIT BULL-TYPE DOGS.  
7 THERE'S THREE BREEDS THAT WE WOULD REFER TO THAT WE LOOSELY  
8 CALL PIT BULLS AND THE ROTTWEILERS, AND I WOULD WAGER THE  
9 RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE THAT SPOKE HERE TODAY, THEIR DOGS HAVE NOT  
10 BEEN IN ONE OF MY SHELTERS BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE  
11 OF ANIMALS AND THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT IT. DOGS THAT GO TO  
12 DOG SHOWS GENERALLY HAVE GOOD TEMPERAMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
13 TO BE AROUND A LOT OF PEOPLE, THEY HAVE TO BE AROUND OTHER  
14 ANIMALS AND THEY HAVE TO BE TRUSTWORTHY. THE DOGS THAT WE'RE  
15 GETTING INTO OUR SHELTERS ARE BACKYARD BREEDER DOGS, THEY'RE  
16 PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST TRYING TO MAKE SOME MONEY, THEY'RE PEOPLE  
17 WHO DON'T WANT TO SPAY OR NEUTER BECAUSE THEY LIKE TO HAVE A  
18 DOG INTACT FOR-- TO BE TOUGH, TO BE MACHO, TO HAVE A GUARD DOG  
19 AND ALL THE SORTS OF THINGS THAT MIGHT GO ALONG WITH THAT OR  
20 THEY JUST MAY NOT WISH TO PAY FOR SURGERY. BUT THEIR FAILURE  
21 TO SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR ANIMAL IS HAVING DIRE CONSEQUENCES ON  
22 OUR SHELTER SYSTEM AND PUBLIC SAFETY. IN ORDER TO ADDRESS SOME  
23 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES THAT HAVE COME UP IN THE LAST  
24 SEVERAL YEARS, YOUR BOARD DID APPROVE FIVE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS  
25 FOR MY DEPARTMENT TO GO OUT AND DO SWEEPS AND BE MORE



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1 PROACTIVE IN ENFORCING THE LAWS. WE'VE INCREASED OUR SWEEPS,  
2 WE'VE INCREASED OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAMS AS FAR  
3 AS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT HOW TO BE SAFE AROUND ANIMALS  
4 BUT IF THE ANIMALS ARE STILL BEING PRODUCED AND STILL OUT IN  
5 THE COMMUNITY, THEY'RE STILL GOING TO POSE A THREAT TO PEOPLE,  
6 EVEN IF THEY'VE BEEN EDUCATED ABOUT HOW TO AVOID IT. THERE'S  
7 STILL GOING TO BE THE TIMES WHEN THEY COME INTO CONTACT WITH  
8 EACH OTHER AND PEOPLE BECOME INJURED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE SUGGESTION THAT WAS MADE RELATIVE  
11 TO A RESERVE COMPONENT, YOU HEARD?

12

13 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WOULD YOU REVIEW THAT?

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17 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS TESTIFIED IN  
20 SUPPORT OF HAVING, LIKE, A DEPUTY-- LIKE A RESERVE PROGRAM  
21 LIKE WE DO ON-CALL FIRE, DEPUTY RESERVES, VOLUNTEERS IN THE  
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS, THAT THE ANIMAL CONTROL HAVE  
23 SOMETHING COMPARABLE SO YOU COULD LOOK AT THAT.

24

25 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** WE COULD LOOK AT THAT, SURE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THERE A PROCESS WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A SELECTION  
5 OF BREEDERS SO THAT THE BREEDERS WHO ARE LEGITIMATE WOULD HAVE  
6 LICENSING OR, AT PRESENT, IS THERE ANY KIND OF DISTINCTION  
7 BETWEEN BACKYARD BREEDERS THAT-- AND SOME BACKYARD BREEDERS  
8 ARE VERY RESPONSIBLE BUT SOME MECHANISM TO IDENTIFY THOSE  
9 BREEDERS WHO MAY NOT BE BREEDING A RESPONSIBLE WAY.

10

11 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** YES, SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND IN  
12 THIS ORDINANCE IS A REVIEW PROCESS WHERE A PERSON COULD  
13 APPROACH US AND SAY, "I'M A HOBBY BREEDER, I'M A ENTHUSIAST OF  
14 THIS BREED, I COMPETE WITH THESE DOGS, HERE IS MY REGISTRATION  
15 PAPERS, HERE'S THE PROOF THAT IT HAS A GOOD TEMPERAMENT,  
16 HERE'S THE PROOF FROM THE VET THAT IT'S HEALTHY AND SUITABLE  
17 FOR BREEDING." THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT.  
18 THEY WOULD, JUST BY A BREEDING PERMIT, WOULD BE ALLOWED TO  
19 CONTINUE TO DO THAT. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CAUSING PROBLEMS  
20 GENERALLY DON'T HAVE PAPERS ON THEIR DOGS, THEY DON'T SHOW  
21 THEIR DOGS, THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO GET A LOT OF MONEY IN A  
22 CHEAP WAY. THE RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS SPEND A LOT OF MONEY DOING  
23 WHAT THEY'RE DOING, GOING TO THE SHOWS, RAISING THEIR ANIMALS,  
24 PUTTING A LOT OF RESOURCES INTO THAT, SO WE WOULD NOT WANT TO  
25 INTERFERE WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** MY CONCERN IS I KNOW THAT MANY GANG MEMBERS HAVE  
3 PIT BULLS AND THEY UTILIZE THEM. AS FAR AS I KNOW-- I DON'T  
4 KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE REGISTERED BUT THEY APPEAR TO BE PUREBRED  
5 PIT BULLS AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO BREED THEM IN  
6 THEIR BACKYARD IN THOSE AREAS THAT ARE VERY HEAVILY  
7 REPRESENTED BY GANGS AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE'S SOME  
8 MECHANISM WHERE THAT CAN BE EXAMINED AND THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO  
9 ARE REALLY JUST BREEDING DOGS AND, OF COURSE, SOME PEOPLE WANT  
10 VICIOUS DOGS FOR SECURITY AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE  
11 YOU HAVE TO REALLY LOOK AT, PEOPLE WHO ARE BREEDING VERY  
12 VICIOUS DOGS BECAUSE THEY WANT THEM FOR SECURITY OF THEIR  
13 HOMES OR THEIR BUSINESSES AND HOW YOU TREAT THAT, I DON'T KNOW  
14 HOW YOU DO IT. DO YOU SAY YOU CANNOT HAVE A VICIOUS DOG IN  
15 YOUR YARD FOR SECURITY? AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU  
16 TREAT THAT, HOW YOU APPROACH IT. I KNOW THAT, WHEN I READ  
17 ABOUT-- I THINK IT WAS A LITTLE BOY WHO WAS MAULED BY A-- AND  
18 I'M NOT SURE IF IT WAS A PIT BULL OR NOT BUT IT WAS A MATTER  
19 THAT THE DOG-- THERE WAS TWO DOGS AND HE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO  
20 OPEN THE DOOR OR SOMETHING AND-- BECAUSE ONE OF THE DOGS WAS  
21 IN SEASON AND, AS A RESULT, THE MALE DOG WAS VERY AGGRESSIVE.  
22 SO THESE ARE THE KIND OF SITUATIONS I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT  
23 TO TRY TO MAKE SOME ASSURANCES THAT WE PROVIDE SAFETY. BUT,  
24 ULTIMATELY, I REALIZE IT IS THE OWNER AND-- BECAUSE EVEN MY  
25 LITTLE COCKER SPANIEL, I KNOW, GIVEN THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES,



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1 I'VE HAD HIM 10 YEARS, HE'S NEVER BITTEN BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.  
2 YOU JUST DON'T KNOW. SO-- MAYBE HE HASN'T MET ZEV. [ LAUGHTER  
3 ] YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT A DOG AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCE,  
4 YOU KNOW, OF A CHILD'S PULLING HIS EARS, WHAT WOULD HE DO? SO  
5 I DO THINK YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT IT VERY CAREFULLY AND TRY TO  
6 COME UP WITH SOME PARAMETERS. I'D LIKE TO LOOK AT THE  
7 PARAMETERS. I DON'T WANT TO CERTAINLY PREVENT PEOPLE WHO ARE  
8 LEGITIMATE BREEDERS FROM BREEDING THEIR DOGS. AT THE SAME  
9 TIME, SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST BREEDING THEM TO MAKE SOME  
10 MONEY OFF OF THEM AND THEY'RE PUTTING IN PLACES WHERE THEIR  
11 WHOLE IDEA IS FOR THEM TO BE VICIOUS, THAT'S SOMETHING I THINK  
12 WE REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT.

13

14 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** RIGHT, AND THE ORDINANCE THAT WE'LL BE  
15 PROPOSING, WILL ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? OKAY. I'LL  
18 HAVE A MOTION.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE ORDINANCE THAT  
21 YOU'RE...

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AFTER...

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU'RE PROPOSING AND THAT  
2    YOU'RE GOING TO DRAFT IS GOING TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL  
3    OF THOSE SENSITIVITIES THAT YOU HAVE JUST ARTICULATED IN  
4    RESPONSE TO MISS BURKE'S QUESTIONS?

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6    **MARSHA MAYEDA:** YES.

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8    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE  
9    WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE AND PLAY IT BY THE RULES AND THOSE WHO  
10   DON'T?

11

12   **MARSHA MAYEDA:** ABSOLUTELY.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK MR. FORTNER IF THIS IS LEGALLY  
19   POSSIBLE.

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21   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YES,  
22   THE STATE LAW WAS RECENTLY AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO  
23   ENACT LOCAL REGULATIONS REGARDING SPAYING AND NEUTERING AND  
24   REGULATING BREEDING OF BREED-SPECIFIC DOGS, RECENT CHANGE TO  
25   STATE LAW AUTHORIZED THIS.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE-- WE COULD ENACT THIS KIND OF AN ORDINANCE  
3 WITHOUT HAVING ANY INTERFERENCE AT ALL WITH ANY KIND OF--  
4 BECAUSE DIDN'T SAN FRANCISCO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS?

5

6 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** I COULDN'T HEAR YOUR QUESTION.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE. DIDN'T SAN FRANCISCO HAVE A PROBLEM WHERE  
9 THEY TRIED TO DO SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR AND WERE NOT ALLOWED  
10 TO?

11

12 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** NO. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO. THEIR ORDINANCE IS IN  
13 EFFECT NOW.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS.

16

17 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** MM HM. WHAT HAPPENED IS THE LITTLE BOY THAT  
18 SUPERVISOR BURKE WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS KILLED IN SAN FRANCISCO  
19 BY THE FAMILY'S TWO PIT BULLS, UNNEUTERED. THE FEMALE WAS IN  
20 HEAT. AND SAN FRANCISCO LED THE EFFORT TO MODIFY THE SECTION  
21 OF THE FOOD AND AG CODE THAT RESTRICTED LOCAL JURISDICTIONS  
22 FROM HAVING BREED-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION FOR THE CONTROL OF  
23 DANGEROUS DOGS. THROUGH THE PROCESS, THAT GOT MODIFIED TO A  
24 SPAY/NEUTER BILL AND THAT'S-- AND SAN FRANCISCO HAS ADOPTED A  
25 SPAY/NEUTER ORDINANCE FOR PIT BULLS IN THEIR CITY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT WAS A STATE LEGISLATION THAT ENABLED THEM  
3 TO CARRY IT OUT?

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5 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** YES.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WE'RE OPERATING UNDER THAT SAME STATUTE?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** (OFF-MIKE). OKAY, THEN. MOTION BY-- SO  
10 MOVED, SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK  
11 YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 26 WAS HELD BY THE PUBLIC, BUT WITHDREW  
12 THEIR HOLD, SO MOTION BY MOLINA, SECONDED TO APPROVE ITEM 26.  
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 2 WAS THE ISSUE  
14 THAT I HAD PLACED ON THE AGENDA. THE GOVERNOR HAS A-- IN HIS  
15 PROPOSED 2006/'07 BUDGET PROPOSAL, A PROPOSITION TO HOUSE  
16 15,000 STATE PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAILS. IT'S PART OF A  
17 PROVISION THAT HE HAS TO INCREASE ADDITIONAL BED SPACE AT THE  
18 STATE LEVEL, BUT ALSO PROVIDE REVENUES THAT WOULD PROVIDE  
19 30,000 ADDITIONAL-- I SHOULD SAY ADDITIONAL BED SPACE FOR  
20 COUNTY JAILS. WHAT I HAD SUGGESTED IN MY MOTION IS THAT WE  
21 SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR COUNTY  
22 JAILS, APPROVE THOSE MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS BUT OPPOSE  
23 HIS PROPOSAL TO HOUSE 15,000 STATE PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAILS  
24 SO THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON WILL CONTINUE TO  
25 SUPPORT-- SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY POSITION BUT NOT HAVING STATE



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1 PRISONERS TRANSFERRED TO COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES. SUPERVISOR  
2 KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I MEAN, THE REASON I HELD IT IS I JUST FELT-  
5 - I KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF WHO SENT YOU A LETTER AND COPIED ALL  
6 OF US SUPPORTS A MAJORITY OF THAT ACTION BUT THERE ARE  
7 CONCERNS ABOUT SOME OF THE PARTS OF IT AND I AGREE WITH THAT.  
8 I JUST FELT IT WAS TOO EARLY IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS TO  
9 COME OUT IN OPPOSITION TO THE WHOLE PROPOSAL, SO MY ONLY  
10 RECOMMENDATION WAS TO CONTINUE IT UNTIL THE MAY REVISE, SEE  
11 WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT BEFORE WE TAKE AN ACTUAL POSITION OF  
12 OPPOSITION, BECAUSE THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON AND I-- ON  
13 TOP OF THAT, THAT I WOULD ADD THAT WE TAKE THE SHERIFF'S  
14 LETTER AND PUT IT IN A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER PLUS HIS SIGNATURE  
15 TO IMMEDIATELY GET OUR CONCERNS SO THAT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF  
16 DISCUSSIONS TO THE GOVERNOR'S PEOPLE AS PART OF THE  
17 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IMMEDIATELY AND THEN WAIT UNTIL THE MAY  
18 REVISE TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN DEAL WITH IT.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MOTION DOES SUPPORT THE PORTION--  
21 AS IT SAYS, SUPPORT THE PORTION THAT WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR  
22 HOUSING 30,000 ADDITIONAL INMATES SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAILS.  
23 IT DOES SAY THAT. IT ONLY OPPOSES THAT PORTION PUTTING STATE  
24 PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAILS, SO WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT  
25 CONCEPT DEALING WITH THE COUNTY BUT LETTING HIM KNOW NOW,



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1 AHEAD OF TIME, THAT THERE'S CONCERNS ABOUT PLACING STATE  
2 PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAILS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT, NO MATTER HOW  
5 IT'S WORDED, THAT IF THAT POSITION BE ARTICULATED FROM THIS  
6 BOARD BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS, PLUS ALSO THE SHERIFF'S SIGNATURE  
7 NEEDS TO BE ON THAT AS WELL, I THINK, TO GET HIS CONCERNS IN  
8 THE MIX AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** WE DO HAVE CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES, FOR  
13 INSTANCE, FEDERAL ENTITIES FOR HOUSING INMATES BUT THEY PAY  
14 FOR IT. NOW, WHAT I UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM WITH THIS  
15 PARTICULARLY WAS THAT WE WOULD PAY PART OF IT, WE WOULD HAVE  
16 SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITY AND WE WOULD ALSO, I GUESS, NOT  
17 HAVE A LOT OF CHOICE IN IT AND I THINK THAT THE APPROACH HAS  
18 TO BE THAT WE HAVE TO-- WE HAVE TO PROTECT OURSELVES BECAUSE  
19 IMMEDIATELY THEY'LL SAY, OH, WELL, THEY TAKE FEDERAL PRISONERS  
20 BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO TAKE STATE PRISONERS, THAT WE MAKE SURE  
21 THAT IF THERE IS THIS LEGISLATION PASSES THAT IT IS NOT  
22 MANDATORY, NUMBER ONE, THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANY MONEY,  
23 AND THAT IT ALSO IS CONSISTENT WITH SOME OF THE APPROACHES WE  
24 HAVE USED, BECAUSE WE DEFINITELY DO HAVE CONTRACTS IN TERMS  
25 FOR ACCEPTING PRISONERS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. ANTONOVICH, I SUPPORT THIS ENTIRELY AND  
5 MAYBE IT'S THE WAY YOU SPIN IT OR THE WAY YOU WORD IT BUT THE  
6 END RESULT HAS TO BE THE SAME. I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT WE WOULD  
7 WANT TO LEAVE ANY AMBIGUITY ON WHAT OUR POSITION IS ON A  
8 PROPOSITION THAT WOULD FORCE-- THAT WOULD GIVE US MONEY TO  
9 BUILD JAILS, PROVIDED THAT WE HOUSE AND PAID FOR HALF OF A  
10 BUNCH OF STATE PRISONERS AT A TIME WHEN OUR JAILS ARE  
11 OVERCROWDED, WHERE THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN FORCED TO RELEASE  
12 PRISONERS EARLY. BY THE WAY, WE HAVE FACILITIES THAT ARE--  
13 HAVE BEEN CLOSED, WHICH THE SHERIFF IS IN THE PROCESS OF  
14 TRYING TO REOPEN, SO IT'S NOT LIKE AT THE MOMENT, AT LEAST,  
15 IT'S NOT LIKE WE NEED TO BUILD A WHOLE LOT OF NEW CAPACITY.  
16 PERHAPS THE STATE DOES BUT WE HAVE FACILITIES THAT, IF WE  
17 COULD JUST OPEN THEM AND STAFF THEM, WE'D BE FAR AHEAD OF THE  
18 GAME COMPARED TO WHERE WE ARE NOW BUT THIS IS INTERESTING.  
19 IT'S NOT EVEN-- IT'S A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, A YEAR AND A  
20 QUARTER, SINCE THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 1-A, WHICH WE ALL  
21 APPLAUDED AND SUPPORTED TO KEEP THE STICKY FINGERS OF THE  
22 STATE OUT OF OUR BUSINESS IN TERMS OF FISCAL COMMITMENTS THAT  
23 THEY WERE IMPOSING ON US AND NOW HERE COMES A PROPOSAL WHICH  
24 IS IMPOSSIBLE. I JUST DON'T SEE HOW WE COULD EVER ENDORSE IT.  
25 SO...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I'M NOT...

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT. THAT'S WHAT I'M  
5 SAYING. I SAID AT THE OUTSET, I SAID MAYBE IT'S THE WAY WE SAY  
6 IT AND MAYBE WE DON'T SAY IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
7 BUDGET PER SE BUT MAYBE WE JUST SAY THAT THE BOARD TAKES A  
8 POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO ANY PROPOSAL THAT WOULD DO THIS AND  
9 THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE OUR LOBBYISTS TO LOBBY AGAINST THIS  
10 WITHOUT IT SAYING OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST FEEL WE SHOULD ARTICULATE THAT VERY  
13 STRONGLY WHAT OUR POSITION IS AND, IF WE DO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR  
14 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, THEN TO ADD ON TO THAT THAT WE  
15 COMMUNICATE THAT BY A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER, PLUS HAVE THE  
16 SHERIFF'S SIGNATURE ON THERE THAT THAT'S AN INTOLERABLE  
17 SITUATION FOR US. I JUST THINK WE NEED TO GET INTO THE MIX, IS  
18 WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO, BECAUSE IT IS A SEVERE IMPOSITION ON US  
19 IN THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY OUR JAIL POPULATION. INSTEAD OF  
20 JUST PASSING THE MOTION, I'M JUST SAYING LET'S GET IT UP  
21 THERE, AND LET'S GET THE SHERIFF ON THE LETTER WITH THIS AND  
22 LET'S GET IN THE MIX OF THIS THING SO THAT WE CAN VIGOROUSLY  
23 OPPOSE THAT PARTICULAR PORTION OF IT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE IF YOU WANT TO CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION  
2    OF HOW YOU SAY IT, I DO THINK IT DOESN'T HURT TO TAKE A BOARD  
3    VOTE, NOW THAT IT'S BEFORE US, I WOULD NOT WANT TO RETREAT  
4    FROM THAT BUT I THINK WE CAN...

5

6    **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I'M OKAY WITH THAT AS LONG AS WE COMMUNICATE  
7    THAT INSTEAD OF JUST PASSING A MOTION AND JUST SAY, ADD TO  
8    MIKE'S MOTION TO AMEND IT TO INCLUDE A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER PLUS  
9    THE SIGNATURE OF THE SHERIFF TO INDICATE-- SUPPORT WHAT WE  
10   OPPOSE.

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12   **SUP. BURKE:** THE PROBLEMS THAT WE SEE WITH IT.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. BECAUSE IT MAKES MORE, LET'S  
15   SAY IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN SACRAMENTO NOW  
16   AS THEY'RE FORMULATING THEIR IDEAS THAN AFTER THE BABY'S BEEN  
17   BORN AND THEN HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HOUSE IT. SO, OKAY, SO  
18   MOVED, SECONDED WITH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. ALSO HAVE THE  
19   SHERIFF SIGN THE LETTER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THEN, SO ORDERED.  
20   ITEM NUMBER 24. WAS HELD BY THE PUBLIC. AND DR. CLAVREUL.  
21   WHILE SHE'S COMING UP, I HAD DEFERRED, SO THAT SUPERVISOR  
22   BURKE COULD MAKE A MOTION ON THE PASSING OF CORETTA KING.  
23   PERHAPS YOU WANT TO DO THAT WHILE SHE'S COMING UP.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
2   ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CORETTA SCOTT KING, WHO PASSED AWAY EARLY  
3   THIS MORNING AT THE AGE OF 78. SHE SUFFERED A SERIOUS STROKE  
4   AND HEART ATTACK AT 2/05 AND WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND HER-- THE  
5   HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FOR-- IN ATLANTA. HOWEVER, SHE DID APPEAR  
6   AT SOME OF THE EVENTS DURING THE-- THIS YEAR. SHE TURNED A  
7   LIFE SHATTERED BY HER HUSBAND'S ASSASSINATION INTO ONE DEVOTED  
8   TO ENSHRINING HIS LEGACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY AND KEPT  
9   HIS DREAM ALIVE, WHILE ALSO RAISING FOUR CHILDREN. SHE WORKED  
10   TO KEEP HER HUSBAND'S IDEOLOGY OF EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE AT  
11   THE FOREFRONT OF THE NATION'S AGENDA. SHE TRIED FOR MORE THAN  
12   A DECADE TO HAVE HER HUSBAND'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED AS A NATIONAL  
13   HOLIDAY, THEN WATCHED WITH PRIDE IN 1983 AS PRESIDENT REAGAN  
14   SIGNED THE BILL INTO LAW. THE FIRST FEDERAL HOLIDAY WAS  
15   CELEBRATED IN 1986. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO HER CHILDREN AND  
16   CONSIDERED THEM HER FIRST RESPONSIBILITY BUT SHE ALSO WROTE A  
17   BOOK, "MY LIFE WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." AND, IN 1969,  
18   FOUNDED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER FOR  
19   NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER  
20   CHILDREN, YOLANDA DENISE, MARTIN, III, DEXTER SCOTT AND  
21   BERNICE ALBERTINE.

22  
23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
24   ORDERED. YES, DR. CLAVREUL.



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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE  
2 CLAVREUL. WHEN THAT ITEM FIRST CAME TO THE BOARD, I ASKED A  
3 QUESTION ABOUT THE COMPANY NAMED SENNIFER LEE, S-E-N-N-I-F-E-  
4 R, LEE, L-E-E. WE CANNOT LOCATE THAT COMPANY ANYWHERE IN  
5 CALIFORNIA. AND I AM SURPRISED THAT'S A VENDOR COMING TO YOUR  
6 BOARD FOR APPROVAL FOR A PURCHASE AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY  
7 NOBODY HAS ANSWERED MY QUESTION. I WANT TO KNOW WHO OWNS THAT  
8 COMPANY, WHERE IT IS AND SO ON. THAT SHOULD NOT BE A SECRET.  
9 IT HAS BEEN IN FRONT OF YOUR BOARD THREE TIMES IN A ROW. I  
10 ASKED THE SAME QUESTION.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. JANSSEN?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, I MAY WELL HAVE MISSED THE  
15 QUESTION. THE HEALTH PEOPLE MAY HAVE AN ANSWER BUT MY  
16 UNDERSTANDING IS THEY'RE JUST ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF  
17 EQUIPMENT. IT STILL HAS TO BE PURCHASED, AND THEY'RE NOT  
18 SPECIFICALLY NAMING A VENDOR FOR THE EQUIPMENT BUT THAT WILL  
19 COME OUT AS PART OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS. BUT THEY MAY HAVE  
20 AN ANSWER BACK HERE AS TO THE SPECIFIC COMPANY.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** SEE, AND THAT WHY I'M SURPRISED WHEN  
23 THE VENDORS WERE MENTIONED, BUT THE VENDORS WERE MENTIONED  
24 FROM THE BEGINNING AND THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION,  
25 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN IN HEALTHCARE FOR OVER 30 YEARS



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1 AND I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH A LOT OF PURCHASING AND I KNOW A  
2 LOT OF THE COMPANIES AND I DID A DEEP SEARCH AND WE COULD NOT  
3 FIND THAT COMPANY ANYWHERE. AND IT'S WHY I ASK THAT QUESTION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DO WE GET THE VENDOR'S NAME, MR.  
6 JANSSEN?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR HERE AND ALSO THE C.E.O.  
9 HERE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. CHERNOF, IS IT YOU OR I.S.D.?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** ANTOINETTE'S HERE, TOO.

14

15 **C.A.O. DAVE JANSSEN:** NOW, ANTOINETTE CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOESN'T MATTER. YOUR CHOICE. ACTUALLY,  
18 YOU LOOK PRETTY GOOD IN THAT CHAIR. [ LAUGHTER ]

19

20 **ANTOINETTE EPPS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THERE ACTUALLY IS A  
21 TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. THE NAME THAT SHOULD BE LISTED IS  
22 JENNIFER LEE. THE NAME OF THE COMPANY IS VAPOTHERM. MISS LEE  
23 IS THE SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR VAPOTHERM.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WHY WAS THAT DIFFICULT TO GIVE THAT  
3 ANSWER? IT IS AMAZING THAT SHE'S A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
4 VAPOTHERM, WHO'S UNDER RECALL.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE.  
7 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MR. KNABE HELD ITEM  
8 NUMBER-- ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. ITEM NUMBER 11.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM NUMBER 11 WHICH WAS THE--

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** EXCUSE ME, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
13 AND THE COUNTY BUDGET.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THE QUESTION I HAD, IN REGARDS TO D.P.S.S...

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MEDI-CAL.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** ...AND THE MEDI-CAL, THIS IS QUITE A RAMP-UP IN  
20 THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND I KNOW THAT THEY INDICATE THAT  
21 THEY CAN FILL ALL THE POSITIONS BY SOME TIME IN MARCH. THE  
22 CONCERN THAT I HAVE, AND JUST TO GET IT ON THE RECORD, IS THE  
23 ONLY FUNDING WE'RE GUARANTEED, EVEN THOUGH IT'S REVENUE  
24 OFFSET, IT'S-- FOR THIS FIRST YEAR AND THIS IS A THREE-YEAR  
25 PLAN.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE QUESTION I HAVE IS WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR  
5 YEARS TWO AND THREE? I MEAN, WE'RE NOT GUARANTEED ANYTHING, IS  
6 THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. NO, MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR KNABE, THAT'S  
9 CORRECT. IT IS PROPOSED TO BE A THREE-YEAR PLAN FUNDED BY THE  
10 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADJUST THE CASELOAD RATIOS IN  
11 CALIFORNIA. L.A. COUNTY, HAS A VERY HIGH CASELOAD RATIO, SO WE  
12 BELIEVE WE CAN PRODUCE MORE MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH  
13 MORE STAFF, OBVIOUSLY. THE RAMPING UP IS ADDITIONAL STAFF EACH  
14 YEAR THAT THE STATE FUNDS. SO IF THE STATE HAS NO ADDITIONAL  
15 FUNDING NEXT YEAR, WE WILL HAVE NO ADDITIONAL STAFF. SO ALL  
16 WE'RE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW IS THE 332. WE ANTICIPATE THAT  
17 THE FUNDING WILL CONTINUE. THE STATE REALLY HASN'T MADE CUTS  
18 IN MEDI-CAL PROCESSING THAT I CAN RECALL. THEY HAVE IN  
19 PROVIDER RATES. BUT IF THEY DO MAKE CUTS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS,  
20 THEN WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT ELIMINATING POSITIONS THAT ARE  
21 VACANT FIRST, ET CETERA, BUT WE'RE ONLY ADDING STAFF AS WE  
22 KNOW THAT THE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING. MY  
25 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ALL THE SLOTS WILL BE FILLED.





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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL OF THE 300 BUT THE TOTAL INCREASE, UNLESS  
3 I'M TOTALLY...

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT IT WAS 300.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ...WRONG, WHICH IS POSSIBLE. I THOUGHT 300 WAS  
8 JUST THE FIRST INCREMENT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** BRYCE, IF YOU WANT TO... I MEAN, BECAUSE THE-- YOU  
11 KNOW, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, WITH THE PROVISION OF PROP 1-A, WE'RE  
12 IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE BUT THEN, IF THE STATE WERE TO DECIDE TO  
13 DEAL WITH THEIR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT NEXT YEAR, THIS REQUIRES A  
14 STATE APPROPRIATION EACH AND EVERY YEAR.

15

16 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AS MR. JANSSEN HAS  
17 INDICATED, THE 332 IS ONLY FOR THE FIRST YEAR. WE'VE ONLY  
18 GOTTEN APPROVAL FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
19 TO FUND THE FIRST YEAR RAMP-UP. IF THE APPROVAL IN SUBSEQUENT  
20 YEARS IS MADE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO THEN BRING ON ABOUT 275  
21 ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE TWO REMAINING SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF  
22 THE PLAN.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IF THERE IS NO-- I MEAN, IF THE STATE WERE TO  
25 DEAL WITH THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AND NOT FUND THIS PROGRAM,



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1 THEN THERE WOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL RAMP-UPS BESIDES THE 300,  
2 ALTHOUGH WE...

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT IS CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. AND THE STATE FINANCING MECHANISM, I MEAN,  
7 EVEN FOR THE 300, IS ONLY GUARANTEED FOR A YEAR, IS THAT  
8 CORRECT?

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, TRADITIONALLY, OUR HISTORICAL  
11 EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT THE STATE WILL MAINTAIN THE COUNTY'S  
12 CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL FOR THEIR MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, SO WE DO NOT  
13 ANTICIPATE THAT WE WOULD HAVE A DECREASE IN FUNDING. THEY  
14 WOULD MAINTAIN THE SAME STAFFING LEVEL. HOWEVER, YOU'RE MAKING  
15 A GOOD POINT AND THAT IS WE CANNOT BE ABSOLUTELY ASSURED THAT  
16 THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS OF FUNDING OF MEDI-CAL POSITIONS WOULD BE  
17 ASSURED. THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE STATE.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT, EVEN THIS  
20 YEAR, WHERE THE STATE DEFICIT IS STILL FOUR TO \$5 BILLION,  
21 THEY CHOSE TO AUGMENT THIS PROGRAM THEMSELVES, SO THAT MEANS  
22 IT IS A PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNOR AND FOR THE LEGISLATURE OR  
23 THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT THIS YEAR. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE  
24 WHAT HE PROPOSES FOR NEXT YEAR.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, WE'RE STILL...

2

3    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT WE'RE STILL, WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT THE  
4    FIRST INCREMENT.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, BUT WE'RE STILL-- I MEAN, THOSE EMPLOYEES  
7    ARE OURS, THAT 300.

8

9    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THEY'RE OURS. IF WE DON'T HAVE MONEY AND  
10    POSITIONS, THEN WE DON'T HAVE STAFF.

11

12    **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, BECAUSE, I'M NOT SAYING IT'S A BAD THING  
13    BECAUSE, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, WITH OUR CASELOADS AND EVERYTHING  
14    ELSE, IT, YOU KNOW, IT CAN BE VERY PRODUCTIVE BUT, I MEAN,  
15    IT'S JUST-- IT'S A PRETTY GOOD-SIZED RAMP-UP FOR A ONE-YEAR  
16    GUARANTEE, THAT'S ALL.

17

18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

19

20    **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND  
21    SENIOR SERVICES. IF THESE ARE THE FUNDS THAT ARE BEING  
22    ALLOCATED AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT, THE BLUE CONSULTING REPORT  
23    AND ALSO WILL THESE-- WELL, WILL THESE FUNDS...

24

25    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THESE ARE JUST TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WILL THIS MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MONITOR THE  
3 CONTRACTS, AS WAS RECOMMENDED? WILL IT MAKE THEM ALL FULLY  
4 AUTOMATED, THE MONITORING? IT'S JUST REPLACING...

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. IT'S JUST REPLACING OLD EQUIPMENT. IT WAS  
7 THE C.I.O. RECOMMENDATION. IT'S AN AGENCY THAT HASN'T HAD THE  
8 MONEY, SO WE'RE UPDATING THEIR EQUIPMENT, IS ALL IT IS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WILL THIS-- DO YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO TAKE  
11 CARE OF SOME OF THE MONITORING, CONTRACT MONITORING PROBLEMS?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T BELIEVE IT HAS ANY DIRECT RELATIONSHIP  
14 TO THEIR ABILITY TO MONITOR. IT'S JUST UPDATING THEIR  
15 EQUIPMENT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST ONE OTHER. WOULD YOU JUST SORT OF REFRESH MY  
20 MEMORY ON THE STAR PROGRAM, BECAUSE WE ALSO HAVE A RAMP-UP  
21 THERE AS WELL.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. WE HAVE-- WE SUBMITTED TO YOUR BOARD IN  
24 NOVEMBER, THAT NOVEMBER 29TH BOARD MEETING, A COUNTYWIDE  
25 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM TO REPLACE WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW.



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1 IT IS A PROGRAM THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY MANY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
2 WORKING IN COLLABORATION TO COME UP WITH HOW DO WE IMPROVE THE  
3 PROGRAM THAT WE NOW HAVE TO RECOGNIZE OUR OWN EMPLOYEES? SO  
4 THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT ENHANCEMENT TO WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW FOR  
5 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND THAT BOARD LETTER DID INDICATE WE  
6 WOULD BE BACK WITH A REQUEST FOR TWO STAFFING.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT IF IT'S A REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, WHY DO WE NEED  
9 ADDITIONAL STAFF?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BECAUSE IT'S SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED. WE'RE  
12 GOING TO BE RECOGNIZING MANY MORE EMPLOYEES UNDER A MUCH  
13 BROADER SYSTEM OF RECOGNITION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR ADJOURNMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THIS MORNING THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
19 THE MEMORY OF TELEVISION CAMERAMAN, OCTAVIO GOMEZ, WHO COVERED  
20 NUMEROUS LOCAL STORIES FOR VARIOUS SPANISH LANGUAGE MEDIA  
21 OUTLETS. MANY OF YOU PROBABLY WOULD SEE HIM HERE AT OUR BOARD  
22 MEETING FROM TIME TO TIME. OCTAVIO'S LONG AND DISTINCTIVE  
23 CAREER INCLUDED A LOCAL STATION AT KMEX, LA OPINION, AND MANY  
24 OTHER LOCAL BROADCAST OUTLETS. HE WAS KNOWN AS A DEDICATED AND  
25 FEARLESS JOURNALIST AND COVERED MANY MEMORABLE EVENTS,



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1 INCLUDING THE 1970 NATIONAL CHICANO MORATORIUM RALLY IN WHICH  
2 REUBEN SALAZAR WAS KILLED, THE STRUGGLES WITH THE UNITED FARM  
3 WORKERS AND OTHER NUMEROUS LANDMARK EVENTS. WE WANT TO EXTEND  
4 OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS CHILDREN AND HIS EXTENDED  
5 FAMILY AS WELL AS HIS COLLEAGUES AND MANY WHO KNEW HIM AND  
6 LOVED HIM.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
9 ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
12 MEMORY OF MARINE CORPORAL CARLOS ARELLANO OF ROSEMEAD, WHO WAS  
13 KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN IRAQ WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY.  
14 CORPORAL ARELLANO WAS A MEMBER OF THE THIRD BATTALION, FIRST  
15 MARINE REGIMENT IN CAMP PENDLETON, AND, OF COURSE, WE WANT TO  
16 EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS PARENTS, HIS THREE  
17 BROTHERS, AND EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR HIS PROFOUND  
18 SACRIFICE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO MOVE, THAT IN ADDITION TO  
24 CORETTA SCOTT KING, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FAYARD  
25 NICHOLAS, THE ELDER OF THE TAP DANCING NICOLAS BROTHERS THAT





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1 THRILLED AUDIENCES DURING THE 1930S AND BEYOND WITH THEIR  
2 ELEGANCE AND DARING ATHLETICISM. HE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY  
3 26TH AT THE AGE OF 91. THEY APPEARED ON BROADWAY IN THE  
4 ZIEGFELD FOLLIES IN '36 AND, IN 1937, THEY WORKED WITH BALLET  
5 CHOREOGRAPHER GEORGE BALANCHINE IN THE ROGERS AND HART  
6 BROADWAY MUSICAL, "BABES IN ARMS." THE NICOLAS BROTHERS USED  
7 THEIR ENGAGEMENT AT THE COTTON CLUB TO REFINE AND UPDATE THEIR  
8 STYLE AND THEY TOOK THAT STYLE BACK TO HOLLYWOOD IN A SERIES  
9 OF MUSICAL FILMS MADE DURING THE 1940S. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
10 THIRD WIFE, KATHERINE HOPKINS- NICOLAS, HIS SISTER DOROTHY  
11 NICHOLAS MERLE, HIS SONS TONY AND PAUL, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND  
12 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN AND IT WAS TONY NICOLAS, OF COURSE, WHO  
13 IS HIS SON, IS CHAIRS-- UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, CHAIRED THE  
14 HOMEOWNER GROUP IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE THING THAT WAS REALLY  
15 VERY WONDERFUL ABOUT HIS DAD WAS THAT HE WAS DOING PROGRAMS  
16 WITH HIS GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND MAKING NOT ONLY T.V. SPECIALS  
17 BUT VIDEOS AND YOU SAW THEM DANCING TOGETHER AND SO THIS WAS--  
18 EVERYONE WAS VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT HE BROUGHT HIS  
19 GRANDCHILDREN INTO THESE DANCING ROUTINES.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, THEY WERE PHENOMENAL. I MEAN, THE NICOLAS  
22 BROTHERS BROUGHT A LOT OF GREAT ENTERTAINMENT TO A LOT OF  
23 FOLKS. THEY WERE JUST PHENOMS.

24



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1    **SUP. BURKE:** HIS SON HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND  
2    WORKS VERY HARD. AND ENDESHA IDA MAE HOLLAND. SHE HAD BEEN A  
3    CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT-- SHE WORKED IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS  
4    MOVEMENT, SHE CAME TO LOS ANGELES AND BECAME INVOLVED WITH  
5    U.S.C. BUT SHE WAS KNOWN AS A FOOT SOLDIER. SHE REGISTERED  
6    BLACK PEOPLE TO VOTE, MARCHED FOR EQUALITY, WENT TO JAIL 13  
7    TIMES AND EARNED ENORMITY OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT IN-- AMONG  
8    PEOPLE IN HER NATIVE TOWN, WHICH WAS IN THE SOUTH BUT SHE GREW  
9    UP, SHE BECAME A WRITER, PULITZER PRIZE NOMINATED PLAY FROM  
10   THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA, SIMILARLY TITLED BOOK THAT INSPIRED  
11   AUDIENCES WITH THEMES OF SURVIVAL, TRANSFORMATION AND  
12   REMEMBRANCE. ENDESHA IDA MAE HOLLAND ADOPTED HER SWAHILI FIRST  
13   NAME LATER IN LIFE. SHE DIED WEDNESDAY AT A NURSING FACILITY  
14   IN LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS 61. FRIENDS SAY HOLLAND, WHO SUFFERED  
15   FROM ATAXIA, A GENETIC DISORDER, HAD ALSO BATTLED AN  
16   INFECTION. HER MESSAGE WAS CLEAR: "IF I SURVIVE AND ACHIEVE,  
17   SO CAN YOU." IT WAS A MESSAGE SHE DROVE HOME TO THE SMALL  
18   ARMORY-- ARMY OF DIRECTORS, WRITERS AND ARTISTS SHE MENTORED  
19   AND TO THE STUDENTS THAT SHE TAUGHT AT U.S.C. SHE LEAVES TO  
20   CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SON, CEDRIC, A SISTER, JEAN BEASLEY, A  
21   BROTHER, CHARLES NELLUMS, AND A GRANDDAUGHTER KASHIKA AND HER  
22   FRIEND, FORMER DEAN OF U.S.C. SCHOOL OF THEATRE, ROBERT  
23   SCALES. AND GENE MCFADDEN, WHO PART OF A SONG WRITING TEAM  
24   THAT WROTE AND RECORDED THE 1979 HIT, "AIN'T NO STOPPING US  
25   NOW," PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56 AFTER LOSING HIS BATTLE



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1 WITH LUNG CANCER. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE OF  
2 38 YEARS, BARBARA, TWO DAUGHTERS AND TWO SONS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
5 ORDERED.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE-- I'M NOT HOLDING ANY ITEMS BUT JUST A  
8 SECOND. I THINK THERE'S SOME THAT ARE BEING HELD BY THE  
9 PUBLIC.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY'RE ALL DONE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY'RE ALL DONE. OKAY. I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND I'M NOT  
18 HOLDING ANYTHING.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I MOVE TODAY  
23 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NATALIE BLOOM, WHO PASSED  
24 AWAY ON MONDAY. SHE WAS 40 YEARS OLD. SHE WILL BE SORELY  
25 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE BATTLED SOME ILLNESS



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1 HERE FOR A WHILE AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER UNCLE, HARVEY  
2 ENGLANDER AND BROTHERS, ANDY AND MITCH. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
3 IN MEMORY OF ROBERT ALISON HILL, WHO WAS THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF  
4 COMMISSIONER JACKLYN TILLY- HILL, THE CHAIR OF OUR COMMUNE  
5 EFFICIENCY COMMISSION AND MY APPOINTEE. CAPTAIN HILL, A UNITED  
6 STATES NAVAL RESERVE, RETIRED, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN HIS  
7 SLEEP JANUARY 24TH AT THE AGE OF 97. HE WAS A FORMER RESIDENT  
8 OF LIDO ISLE AND WHITTIER, LIFELONG BRIDGE PLAYER, DEBATER AND  
9 VORACIOUS READER. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH HIS FAMILY, HE'S  
10 THE BELOVED FATHER OF RANDOLPH, "RANDY" HILL, AND HIS WIFE,  
11 JACKIE, HIS DAUGHTER, ROBIN, HUSBAND JACK. CAPTAIN HILL IS  
12 ALSO SURVIVED BY NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND 11 GREAT-  
13 GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
16 ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHIEF  
19 WARRANT OFFICER REX KENYON, A RESIDENT OF EL SEGUNDO WHO LOST  
20 HIS LIFE IN BAGHDAD WHEN HIS APACHE HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN  
21 WHILE HE WAS CONDUCTING AERIAL PATROLS. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE  
22 1ST BATTALION, 4TH AVIATION REGIMENT COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE  
23 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND HAD BEEN THERE SINCE NOVEMBER.  
24 OFFICER KENYON WAS A CAREER SOLDIER. HE DEVELOPED A LOVE FOR  
25 FLYING AT A VERY EARLY AGE. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS



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1 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
2 EDDIE LORTZ, WHO JUST CELEBRATED HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY HERE IN THE  
3 LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. HE RETIRED AS A QUALITY CONTROL  
4 ENGINEER AFTER 30 YEARS AT THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY. HE IS  
5 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, VERONICA, SONS, TERRY AND JOHN,  
6 DAUGHTERS, SHERRY, JULIE, SUZANNE AND APRIL, 11 GRANDCHILDREN  
7 AND ONE GREAT-GRANDCHILD.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
10 ORDERED. ANY MOTIONS? OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. MYRTLE RUSSELL AND  
11 FOREST LAMONT. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU  
12 SPEAK, PLEASE.

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14 **MYRTLE RUSSELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MYRTLE RUSSELL AND  
15 I'M NOT HERE FOR ANY ANIMAL CONTROL OR ANYTHING, I'M HERE ON  
16 BEHALF OF MY DECEASED SON. I HAD A SON NAMED CLIFTON PETERSON,  
17 MR. ANTONOVICH, AND I'M TOLD THAT THE 5TH OF '04, MY SON WAS  
18 IN CUSTODY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S CUSTODY AND A TRAGEDY  
19 HAPPENED TO HIM. I DON'T KNOW TODAY WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SON.  
20 ..(VOICE WAVERING)... YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME. ONLY THING I  
21 HAVE IS A NEWSPAPER FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS AND A LETTER  
22 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMICIDE, SUPPOSEDLY THAT FROM READING  
23 THE NEWSPAPER, MY SON HUNG HIMSELF AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24 SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE IN LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER THE 5TH  
25 OF '04 AND MY SON REMAINED BRAIN DEAD AT A.V. HOSPITAL. HE



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1 COULD NOT SEE, HE COULD NOT TALK, HE COULD NOT HEAR AND I HAD  
2 BEEN BY HIS SIDE TO THE DAY HE HAD DIED. MY SON, I LOST MY SON  
3 APRIL THE 12TH OF '05 AND YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME BECAUSE  
4 I'VE BEEN UNDER A LOT OF STRESS AND PRESSURE AND MEDICAL CARE  
5 WITH THIS. I HAVE NEVER GOT A RESPONSE FROM ANYONE CONCERNING  
6 MY SON. NO ONE HAS EVER CONTACTED ME, TALKED TO ME OR  
7 ANYTHING. SO MY SON'S FATHER SEEKED A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, AND  
8 HIS NAME WAS MR. YATES AND MR. YATES FILED A CLAIM AGAINST THE  
9 COUNTY AND IT GOT REJECTED, AND I'M ASKING FOR THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS FOR SOMEONE TO HELP ME WITH THIS SITUATION TO SEE  
11 WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SON, BECAUSE I CAN'T IN MY HEART BELIEVE  
12 THAT MY SON HUNG HIMSELF WITH A TELEPHONE CORD IN A HOLDING  
13 CELL AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE IN  
14 LANCASTER AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. I HAVE TRIED TO CONTACT MR.  
15 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE AND FAX THINGS OVER LAST YEAR AND NO ONE  
16 EVER GAVE ME ANY CONCERN.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SHERIFF'S  
19 DEPARTMENT CONTACT YOU AND MY DEPUTY WILL TALK TO YOU RIGHT  
20 NOW.

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22 **MYRTLE RUSSELL:** WELL, I GOT A LETTER. I WILL PASS THE LETTER,  
23 IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IT, SIR. I FILED A CLAIM THIS MORNING  
24 HERE AND I HAVE THIS LETTER, AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE FROM LOS  
25 ANGELES HOMICIDE THREE DAYS LATER, THEY ANNOUNCED MY SON DEAD





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1 AFTER THE INCIDENT BUT HE WASN'T DEAD. AND I TRULY BELIEVE IN  
2 MY HEART THAT THERE WAS NO THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO HIS  
3 ILLNESS THAT LED TO HIS DEATH APRIL THE 12TH, '04.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MY DEPUTY WILL TALK TO YOU RIGHT NOW  
6 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT YOU.

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8 **MYRTLE RUSSELL:** YES, SIR.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SHE'S RIGHT THERE BY THE  
11 DEPUTY. OKAY. WE'LL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
14 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
16 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT  
17 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
18 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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